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PATTON SPEEDS 18 MI. UP RHINE

Drives to Coblenz Outskirts

PARIS, March 16 (UP).—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton sent his 4th Armored Division on a mile-an-hour sweep up the Rhine's west bank below Coblenz today, threatening to trap perhaps 100,000 enemy troops of two battered armies in the Saar basin, while the American 1st Army across the Rhine fought beyond the Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway at two points. Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U. S. 7th Army, marching up from the south on a 57-mile front toward a



Freed From Nazis: These two Polish women were among those liberated by the Red Army from the women's concentration camp in Brandenburg on the Oder. They are still wearing the Nazi standard prison headgear, which they will quickly and gladly discard. Left, Stefania Soltes, 52, of Kielce, and Jadwiga Kholmiczka, 13, of Warsaw. —Sovfoto Radiophoto.

junction with Patton's 3rd, toppled the Maginot Line fortress city of Bitche, the first time in history that stronghold had been taken in battle.

The 4th Armored Division's drive led by Divisional Commander Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey, covered 18 miles in the opening hours and it was within 64 miles of a junction with the Seventh at Bitche, although the armies were only 21 miles apart along the western edge of the Saar.

Jumping off from a Moselle bridgehead forged Thursday by the Fifth and 90th Divisions, the Fourth Armored pushed 18 miles against light resistance and reached an

BULLETIN

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF COBLENZ, With the American Third Army, March 16 (6:40 p.m.) (UP).—American troops pressed to the outskirts of Coblenz today and the capture of the city was believed a matter of hours.

unspecified point beyond the highway town of Simmern, 27 miles south of Coblenz.

Other Third Army elements were caving in the Saar from the west, attacking on a 70-mile front, while the French First Army was moving up the rich coal and iron basin's eastern edge along the upper Rhine below the Karlsruhe corner.

The Seventh Army was disclosed to have thrown six infantry divisions into action as it hammered out maximum gains of five miles and took 3,000 prisoners in the first 24 hours of its new offensive. Troops of the 100th Division who had been lying before Bitche since last December seized that strong point, while other Seventh Army men fought within 1,000 yards of Saarbruecken.

Cut Speedway

As Patton's tanks broke loose in another drive reminiscent of their sweep across France, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army forces to the north split the German lines east of the Rhine by cutting the six-lane "autobahn" at points a mile apart near the village of Hovel, seven miles north of Remagen.

That thrust opened the way for a drive to the underside of the Ruhr industrial valley, 35 miles to the north and under bombardment by U.S. Ninth Army guns drawn up to the west bank of the Rhine.

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FDR Says U. S. to Continue Aid to Starving Europeans

WASHINGTON, March 16 (UP). — President Roosevelt said today that it is a matter of common decency for the United States to help feed foreign peoples who might otherwise starve.

He vigorously defended the Administration's policy of extending such help. And he flatly rejected the idea that such a policy would lead to a starvation diet for this country.

He told his news conference he was aware of some opposition to reducing American consumption of certain items so the people of less fortunate nations do not starve. Such an attitude is not decent, he said, and actually the American people are a decent people.

Mr. Roosevelt said it was a matter of fact that we have got to tighten our belts more before Germany and Japan are beaten. And he thought the country would back up that idea.

NOT BAD HERE

He said, however, that he could not bring himself to think that this country has suffered greatly or was going to, when the American standard of living is compared with that of other countries.

He added that he thought his feelings not only reflected the Administration's attitude, but that of a large majority of the people.

His discussion was touched off by reference to the recent creation of a government committee that will examine and control the export of items other than actual military and Lend-Lease shipments. He said this had aroused criticism in some quarters and charges that the United States would be starved to feed other nations.

He rejected this idea. Suppose he said, that we take as an example a specific commodity which everybody uses. Then, suppose we find that by cutting domestic consumption of this item 10 percent we still would live, but that the diverted 10 percent would permit other people to live who might otherwise starve.

He cited Holland as an example of a very bad case that needs help.

"PEACE RUMOR"

Mr. Roosevelt also said that: 1. Neither the United States nor Great Britain had any information to back up rumors that the Germans had been putting out peace feelers.

2. It has not yet been decided what zone of Germany will be occupied by American troops after the war ends.

3. He did not know why the full Italian armistice terms have never been made public.

4. No decision has been reached on a new command in the Pacific; the decision will depend on the type of operation involved.

5. The primary reason for his conference today with Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, one of the U. S. delegates to next month's United Nations Conference at San Francisco, was to discuss whether Stassen would have time to go back to his naval command before the meeting.

He disclaimed any knowledge of rumors that Chinese Generalissimo

St. Patrick's Parade Up 5th Ave. Today

Wearers of the green and lovers of the shamrock will march throughout the country today as the Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day, national holiday of the Irish people.

New York City's parade will start at 1 p.m. at 48 St. and Fifth Ave., and will proceed up Fifth Ave. to 110 St. The weatherman promises another mild, sunny day.

Chiang Kai-shek might come to the San Francisco meeting.

He was asked for his reaction to rumors that Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, who recently conferred with him here, would act as temporary chairman of the San Francisco Conference. He said there would be many such rumors until the conference convenes April 25.

Soviets Put Nazis to Work

MOSCOW, March 16 (UP). — Newspapers today printed pictures of German civilians clearing debris from ruined cities in East Prussia, Silesia and Pomerania and repairing rail stations and bridges.

All able-bodied civilians, both men and women, must register with the Soviet military commandant, who assigns them work under strict supervision.

Izvestia's correspondent in Brandenburg reported that many German civilians are trying to dodge work or conceal weapons. Military tribunals are giving no quarter to soldiers disguised as civilians or to persons concealing arms or radios.

Court Rejects Dubinsky Plea

Supreme Court Justice William T. Collins, denying the appeal of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, ruled that David Dubinsky, or someone he designates, and Isadore Nagler, manager of Cutters Local 10, must answer charges in court of infringement on democratic election rules in the local.

The hearing was set for March 27. Charges were filed by Arnold Ames, rank-and-file leader of Local 10, whom the local's officialdom ruled off the ballot as candidate against Nagler and later suspended for five years.



Just behind the front lines in Holland, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Western Europe, discusses battle strategy with Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery (left), and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Commander of the 12th Army Group.

Pearlstein Testimony Implicates Gideonse

By BILL MARDIO

Twenty-year old Larry Pearlstein yesterday confirmed anew at the Kings County inquiry into the basketball scandal, that Brooklyn College authorities kept his non-student status a secret until it boomeranged.

The dark-haired, ex-soldier reconstructed his Jan. 30 meeting with Dean Frederick W. Maroney, aide to President Harry D. Gideonse.

Several hours after the news had broken that Brooklyn College varsity loopsters had accepted a \$1,000 bribe from gamblers—and fully five weeks before Gideonse admitted knowing Pearlstein wasn't a student at the college, the following conversation took place:

Maroney: Where is your folder? Are you registered?

Pearlstein: Yes.

Maroney: Are you registered in classes?

Pearlstein: No. I'm taking a special war veteran's course once a week.

Maroney: I hope you're telling the truth. I believe you are. But if you're not, it may mean some officials' jobs.

Even after the bribe was discovered, Pearlstein did not inform his parents of his non-student status. When his mother wanted to plead his case with college authorities, Pearlstein told her to call Dean Maroney.

At this point, Judge Leibowitz in-

terjected: "Why did you want your mother to call Dean Maroney?"

To which, Pearlstein nonchalantly replied: "I wanted the college authorities to tell her I wasn't a student."

MOTHER PHONES

On "Jan. 31 or Feb. 1," Mrs. Pearlstein phoned the college, and a clerk made an appointment for her to see Maroney. "But three hours later," Pearlstein continued, "Dean Maroney called my mother and said: 'Don't bother to come to school. Your son isn't a student and never was.'"

Yet it wasn't until five weeks later that Brooklyn College prexy, Harry D. Gideonse, felt compelled to inform Commissioner of Investigation Edward Bromberger that Pearlstein wasn't a duly accredited student. And Gideonse's admission only came after a former student, Joel Mehlman, threatened to tell the authorities first.

(Incidentally, Dr. Gideonse's letter of expulsion to Pearlstein, dated Feb. 2, informed the hoopster he was being ousted for conduct unbecoming a "student.")

Pearlstein gave a cold, factual report of his two-season masquerade as a student. When recounting his experiences, he frequently said "I lied" about this and "I lied when I told so-and-so." His frankness almost bordered on cockiness, and amazed the courtroom listeners.

OTHER WITNESSES

Other witnesses yesterday included Howard E. Cann, New York University's basketball coach; Jacob Weber, trainer at NYU; Ralph Furey, supervisor of athletics at Columbia University, and former grid star; Elmer Ripley, basketball coach at Columbia, and former hoop mentor at Georgetown University.

Ripley revealed that several seasons ago, two of his basketball players at Georgetown were phoned by gamblers before the Georgetown-Toledo game in the Garden Red Cross matches.

Flatbush Thirsts for Better H2O

Residents of Flatbush — 350,000 persons by exact count—were well on their way toward getting good drinking water yesterday.

Too long had the Flatbushers been forced to drink the "brakish, bitter and nauseating" H₂O supplied them by the privately-owned Flatbush Water Works, declared City Councilman Edward Vogel, Brooklyn Democrat.

Vogel argued vigorously for his resolution backing the Greenberg-Dwyer bill in the State legislature which would abolish the Flatbush Water Works and give the suffering residents in the area water that residents of progressive New York deserve.

"The water supplied by the Flatbush Water Works in an area of almost five square miles has an extremely high content of salt making it unsuitable for drinking," Vogel told the Council committee on State Legislation.

He passed out sample bottles of the water to the councilmen on the committee. They sniffed it and turned up their noses.

The chemical content of the Flatbush water makes it "hard water," said Councilman Vogel. This, he said, causes the housewives to spend large sums for "softener supplies" and special soaps for family washings.

The Flatbush residents, added Vogel, are demanding "immediate action." It looks like they will get it from the City Council.

Dubinsky Backs Lewis' Threat

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who has consistently championed John L. Lewis, despite his strike record and his anti-Semitism, yesterday threw the weight of the ILG's journal behind Lewis' latest strike threat.

This is the net effect of an editorial in Justice, Dubinsky organ, although the editorial is ostensibly aimed at a resolution adopted by a City CIO stewards council meeting two weeks ago.

The CIO recognized the justice of miners' demands, endorsed them, but contended that strike would jeopardize victory rather than achieve it, while harming the war effort at the same time.

To Dubinsky, who views the danger of a mine stoppage quite calmly, the CIO resolution is "as dastardly a piece of sabotage as has disgraced the American labor scene in recent memory."

While he ignored the actual contents of the CIO resolution he attacked, Dubinsky praised a "CIO United Auto Workers 'endorsement' of Lewis demands—an endorsement that doesn't exist."

A report of such a UAW endorsement, issued to the press by Edward Levinson, UAW publicity agent, during a UAW board meeting, was specifically denied by R. J. Thomas, UAW president, and a correction was published in the press generally.

Coincident with issuance of the first false report on the UAW, Martin J. Gerber and Charles Kerrigan, board members who carry the ball for Dubinsky in the auto union, had released an attack on the City CIO in the same spirit as the Justice editorial. Now Dubinsky polishes up the repudiated announcement and cites it as "evidence" that the City CIO stand is viewed as "Communist sabotage" by the "constructive element within the CIO."

Kills Aged Mother

ST. LOUIS, March 16 (UP). — Clarence Hamman, 49, put his 75-year-old invalid mother to death today by smothering her with pillows, police said.

Bar Jimcrow in Texas at Marian Anderson Concert

AUSTIN, Tex., March 16.—There will be no Jimcrow in Austin when Marian Anderson sings here as guest artist of the all-white Austin Symphony Orchestra next Monday.

Negro citizens of the Texas capital won the right to sit in non-segregated seats on the main floor of the University of Texas Gregory Gymnasium, instead of in Jimcrow seats in the balcony. A group of leading Austin white citizens has announced its intention of sitting with the Negro group at the concert, which is part of the annual artist series

sponsored by Samuel Houston College.

Acting President T. S. Painter of the University of Texas reluctantly gave Negroes sitting space on the main floor of the gymnasium after Negro leaders, including Dr. Karl Downs, president of Samuel Houston, had said they would boycott any Jimcrow concert in Austin. Dr. Downs informed Dr. Painter that Austin's Negro citizens would instead organize an automobile caravan and go to hear Miss Anderson in San Antonio where she is scheduled to sing following her appearance in Austin.

Win Crossing at North Oder

Banker Says USSR Goal Is Stability

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A big time banker from her home state set the record straight for Rep. Jessie Sumner (R-Ill), regarding the Soviet Union today, at a hearing on the proposed Bretton Woods agreement.

The banker, Edward Eagle Brown, chairman of the First National Bank of Chicago and a member of the American delegation at Bretton Woods, was asked some typically anti-Soviet questions by the fading blonde. Flushing angrily beneath his winter tan, the banker leaned forward and his deep voice boomed:

"The countries around Russia are going to have difficult currency problems after the war, and if Russia felt it would be to her advantage to produce political chaos and Communism—of course, I don't say Russia has any such purpose—the easiest way to do it would be by Russia's upsetting the currencies of those countries."

Instead, he said, Russia had bound herself not to, and to forego the use of a monetary blackjack.

"In my contact with the Russians at Atlantic City and at Bretton Woods," he added, "I was firmly convinced that they want to cooperate and that they believe world peace offers the best opportunity for the development of Russia."

Brown declared the opposition to Bretton Woods sponsored by the American Bankers Association by no means represents the thinking of all the big banks in the association. He foresaw conditions of chaos, and little or no international trade, if something were not done to bring real economic stability.

TIP-OFF ON GOP LINE

Earlier in the day the tip-off on what isolationist Republicans will use as their main line of attack on machinery for ensuring peaceful economic relations after the war was provided at the hearing.

It has the advantage, from the viewpoint of saboteurs of international cooperation, of being simultaneously an attack on lend-lease, Bretton Woods, the Export-Import Bank and various other projects which are in fact unrelated. "You don't need them all," is the burden of the argument.

Doubtless it will be used in fighting the amendment the administration hopes to achieve with extension of the 1934 Reciprocal Trade Act, which expires in June. Ways and Means Committee hearings are expected to begin next week. The Act allows the paring down of the cut-throat Smoot-Hawley tariffs of the '30s. The amendment would make this 75 percent.

The line of attack was revealed by Jesse Wolcott, ranking minority member of the House Banking and Currency Committee. Wolcott, who

indicated prior to the hearings he would play the role of conciliator in an effort to steer opponents "the right way," capably avoided identifying himself with the bill's opponents.

WOLCOTT'S RUMORS

"They are going to ask," Wolcott said, after he described the "arguments" and "rumors" circulating around the Hill, "Why bother setting up an international bank whose aggregate capital is 10 billion dollars when the U. S. is loaning 20 billion dollars under lend-lease?"

Dean Acheson of the State Department will be called to shed light on the rumors. In the meantime, one of his aides, who was cornered after the session, said the rumors were absurd.

Questioning Fred Vinson, newly-appointed Federal Loan Administrator, Wolcott said, "There are rumors of specially large loans being made under the authority of the Lend-Lease Act." He cited the recent French agreement, but failed to say that of the total two and a half billion dollars involved, only 900 million dollars could be considered a loan.

"It is rumored," he went on, "that Russia has asked for loans aggregating 10 billion dollars, and that we are now negotiating a loan of about six billion dollars. Rumor has it that a British loan of five billion dollars is contemplated, and a Chinese loan of about six billion dollars. If that is true, Belgium and the Netherlands will expect to make comparable agreements."

According to these rumors, he said, all provided for repayment over a 30-year period.

Vinson pointed out that "the international bank is going to make some money," and cited how the Treasury's two billion dollar stabilization fund had made a profit of 80 million dollars.

State Department spokesmen at the hearing said later that a Russian agreement is under consideration, but is "even smaller than the French agreement."

Actual Air Combats To Be Broadcast

WASHINGTON, March 16 (UP).—Recordings of actual air combats will be broadcast from overseas in a new Army Air Forces program, "The Fighting AAF," the War Department announced today.

The broadcasts will be over the Blue Network every Saturday, starting March 31, between 1:30 and 2 p.m. EWT).

Battle of Iwo Jima Ends In Complete Victory

GUAM, Saturday, March 17 (UP).—The battle of Iwo Jima ended Friday after 25 days of fighting which cost the United States Marines 19,938 casualties—highest toll of the central Pacific campaign—it was announced today.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that organized enemy resistance ended at 6 p.m. Friday when Marines overcame the last desperate remnants holding out at the northern tip of the 8½ square mile island.

Nimitz said resistance ceased when elements of the Third and Fifth Marine Divisions drove through the Japanese lines and

reached Kitano point, northernmost point of the island.

Of the total American casualties, 4,186 were dead, 15,308 wounded, 441 missing.

More than 21,000 Japanese were killed by March 14.

"The battle of Iwo Island has been won," Nimitz' communique said.

"The United States Marines, by their individual and collective courage, have conquered a base which is as necessary to us in our continuing forward movement toward final victory as it was vital to the enemy in staving off ultimate defeat."

LONDON, March 16.—The Red Army captured the Oder crossing town of Greifenhagen, 12 miles south of Stettin, the Soviet communique announced tonight, together with Rosengarten, six miles southeast of Stettin and Bruenken, eight miles south of the port city.

Berlin said a tank battle had developed before the Oder bridges just

south of the superhighway from Danzig, which enters Stettin from due east.

The communique also reported that troops of the Second White Russian Army had captured Zuckau, 10 miles west of Danzig, while the Third White Russian Army took several more towns in further reduction of the enemy pockets around Königsberg in East Prussia.

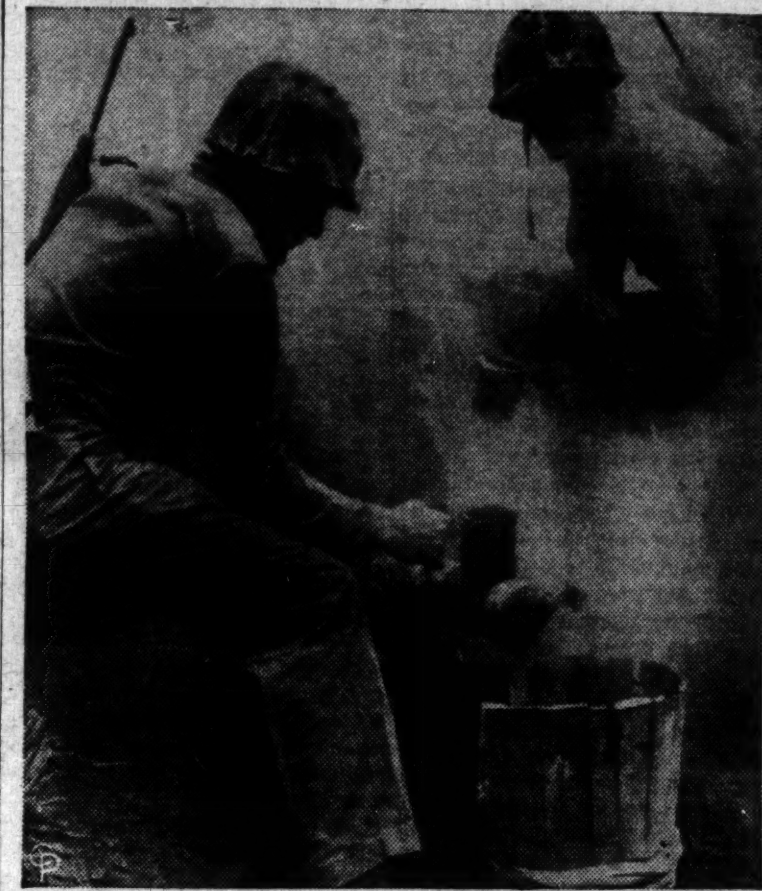
German counter-attacks along Lake Balaton southwest of Budapest have "considerably weakened," the communique said. The Soviets destroyed 63 tanks and shot down 33 enemy planes yesterday on all fronts.

Norway Blasts Rails, Bridges

LONDON, March 16 (UP).—Norwegian underground members blew up railroads, bridges, junctions and the German-guarded railway administration building in Oslo last Wednesday night in the greatest single night of sabotage of the war, it was disclosed today.

The Nazi-controlled news agency in Oslo said several persons, including German sentries, had been killed, and that German police had made numerous arrests. The reports were received in Stockholm.

Later information to the Norwegian information office in London disclosed the saboteurs also had cut the main rail line linking Oslo with the embarkation points along the east side of the Oslo fjord. Bridges and tracks blown up between Aas and Halden—two main points through which any German evacuation of Norway would be made.



Steam-cooked breakfast for two on Iwo. The steam coming from a hot sulphur pit is being used by Marine Cpl. Roy F. Webster (left) Omak, Wash., and Sgt. Dewaine J. Fisk, Lomita, Cal.

Romania Premier Sees Regime a People's Gov't

BUCHAREST, March 15 (Delayed) (UP).—Premier Petri Groza of Romania told correspondents today that his new government does not view former Premier Gen. Nicolae Radescu as a war criminal but might do so later.

Groza was interviewed in Bucharest by correspondents on tour from Moscow.

He said he realized his government was being criticized in British and American newspapers but said events would prove it to be a people's government. His projected course of action, probably available in a few days, calls for land reform and the distribution of big Romanian estates among the peasants.

The premier was interviewed on his return from Cluj, where a celebration was held on the return to Transylvania to Romania. Speaking of this and tracing the long and bloody history of conflicts over the territory, Groza said:

"For the first time Romanians and Hungarians are satisfied with the Russian solution. The Hungarians are satisfied because of the democratic regime installed on March 6. In the past they could not live together because of artificial frictions stimulated from Vienna. . . . Inasmuch as destiny has decided they must live together in Transylvania it is better to live in harmony. If the experiment succeeds it will serve as a pattern to solve the problems of other minorities."

NO FASCIST SOLUTION

He said no population exchange was being considered because that would be a "fascist solution."

Groza said he had a letter from the chief of the German minority in Transylvania—now only 25 percent of the pre-war 600,000—expressing hope of equal treatment as a minority.

The premier said democracy must come from the lower classes instead of the upper classes, who "only have an interest in making war." He said his government would "be vigilant to fight anyone who attempts to stifle the popular will for peace."

'Remagen Worse Than Hornet's Nest in Hell'

By C. R. CUNNINGHAM and ANN STRINGER

REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD, Germany, March 15. (Delayed) (UP).—"It's worse than a hornet's nest in the middle of Hell—and twice as hot."

He was an ack-ack gunner, stepping down from the platform of his 90-mm. Gun. A German plane had just nosed in over the bridgehead area. It set off one of the greatest concentrations of anti-aircraft fire ever massed.

This was one of the scores of Nazi planes out to try to cut the Remagen Bridge. Most of them have been shot down or driven off before they could do any damage.

The big guns are banging from positions on the east bank of the Rhine. The trucks are going over. The infantry out on the rim is fanning toward the superhighway, beyond which the Germans are dug in.

AMBULANCES CRAWL

Everything is moving east. Everything except the ambulances that crawl painfully along the shell-pocked roads and over to the west side of the Rhine.

There were more ambulances and fewer trucks and guns here on the east side yesterday, and the day before—and the day before that. Then it was hell here—howling, blazing Hell.

There is the criss-cross artillery fire, the ear-splitting blasts of hundreds of shells of all sizes, every minute. The hillsides are covered with smoke and flame.

When the surprised troops found

the Remagen bridge intact and walked across it, they landed smack up against a towering mountain from which the Nazis watched everything they tried to do.

And they have been fighting in almost the same situation ever since. But inch by inch they have rolled back the Jerries, clambered up the steep crags, cleared the woods.

OURS FOR KEEPS

Now the bridgehead is ours for keeps. Supplies and troops are pouring in, an endless chain stretching miles back to the west.

The Germans are throwing heavy artillery shells and long range mortar missiles toward our bridgehead. And despite our constant air patrol, German planes are heading in, and causing damage and casualties.

Lightnings and Thunderbolts keep up a constant patrol over the bridgehead. Usually at least a dozen of them are overhead.

The Germans are trying their usual tactics. They come in on the tail of our patrols. Usually our anti-aircraft gunners, who now are getting pretty tired, have to wait until our patrols cross. Then everything from 90-mm guns down to 30-caliber machine guns open up.

From the minute the sound of their engines is picked up until they are shot down or scuttle back over the hills they are pinpointed by searing chains of anti-aircraft fire. They haven't one chance in 100 of dropping their bombs on the target—which is our bridges. But still they come, and still they are shot down.

Staten Island President Hits 'Crime Wave' Bunk

By JOHN MELDON

Staten Island Borough President Joseph A. Palma told the Daily Worker yesterday that reports in New York City newspapers about a "crime wave" on the island "is a lot of propaganda—most of it untrue."

The borough chief would not discuss the matter further than that, stating that the situation was entirely in the hands of local law enforcement agencies and army authorities.

Staten Islanders, ranging from municipal leaders to the man in the street, are angry at irresponsible news stories appearing in some New York papers regarding a non-existent "crime wave" attributed to Negro troops stationed on the island.

A series of minor incidents, including one alleged rape, of which there is no evidence or proof, has been blown up to scare-head proportions by certain New York papers, with the result that many civilians on the island, heretofore friendly with the Negro soldiers, are becoming alarmed.

Under the barrage of distorted news stories, and needled by certain elements on Staten Island who are anti-Negro, and local police authorities have established a big armed patrol while the army has set about erecting an eight-foot barbed-wire fence around the large Fox Hills army post at Stapleton, where some 4,000 Negro troops are being trained for army shipping chores.

Army officials will provide additional recreational facilities for the Negro troops through a service center within the troops' post, and have moved to put on extra bus lines to enable the soldiers to have more direct transportation facilities to Manhattan and Harlem when on leave.

BEHIND THE HULLABALOO

But what's behind the hullabaloo in the New York newspapers? Why all the talk of a "crime wave" when actual police records show that outside several street brawls and a holdup, the 4,000 troops have gotten along splendidly with the white civilian population? Where there's smoke there's fire. The real facts in the case are that a small group of Negro-baiters on the island are highly displeased with the establishment and activities of a local race-relations group set up a few months ago under the sponsorship of Borough President Palma and a

group of liberal-minded editors, educators, Negro and white leaders.

Known as the Council for Democracy, the group has conducted highly laudable activities and has wide support among the citizenry as well as official backing from such organizations as the Staten Island American Legion, the Girl Scouts, the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, church, civic and trade union groups.

BROTHERHOOD PARLEY

On Feb. 20, in commemoration of Brotherhood Week, some 150 persons representing virtually the entire community, attended an all-day session dedicated to betterment of Negro-white relations. The conference was praised by the Staten Island newspapers and the local population.

On several occasions, the Staten Island Advance has editorially praised the Negro troops for their excellent behavior in the community while on leave. A check-up of stores, restaurants and theaters by the Daily Worker revealed that local merchants were universal in their praise of the soldiers, and that no discrimination was practiced against them.

Reports in New York papers that the army was moving hundreds of Negro troops to other parts of the country, in alarm over the alleged and non-existent "crime wave," are based upon either misinformation or outright distortions.

"The army has been regularly rotating the troops in and out of the Fox Hills post," a municipal leader said. "Once they are trained they are sent to other parts of the country."

Clarence De Hart, local NAACP leader and head of the big Booker T. Washington USO center for the Fox Hill soldiers, told the Daily Worker yesterday that the erection of a special service center for the troops at the Fox Hill base should not interfere with the Negro soldiers obtaining their regular passes to go to the USO center, or into town.

We are at war. . . . Every Wednesday is waste-paper collection day in New York City.

OPA Chief Here Calls on Egg Jobbers to 'Lay That Pistol Down'

Cpl. Wellman Wounded; Due Here Soon



Former Communist Party leader Cpl. Saul Wellman is en route back to the United States after having been wounded in the lungs by shrapnel, the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

His wife, Peggy Wellman, revealed that the young leader had been wounded Dec. 19, 1944 in Belgium. He was reported attached to the 101st Paratroop Infantry Division which was isolated at Bastogne and held up the Nazi Ardennes offensive. Wellman is well-known to New York progressives. Before entering the armed forces Oct. 1943, he was Communist organizer in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

He first took arms against fascism in 1937 in Spain where he rose to the post of political commissar of the Mackenzie-Papineau battalion. Wellman was a Young Communist League leader and held the posts of New York State YCL organizational and industrial secretary.

Stassen Meets FDR On Frisco Parley

WASHINGTON, March 16 (UP).—Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen conferred with President Roosevelt today on his personal plans as a delegate to the United Nations Conference in San Francisco.

Stassen said afterward that he will fly to Third Fleet headquarters in the Pacific.

In a strong blast against the threatened egg strike, Regional CPA Administrator Daniel P. Woolley yesterday called on the Butter and Egg Merchants Association to call off its plan for a Monday "holiday."

Describing the strike threat as "ill-advised, rash and unpatriotic," Woolley said that the OPA "will not be stampeded into price rises" and "obviously cannot lightly grant increases to intermediate jobbers, because such a rise would surely result in a boost in consumer egg prices."

Coming at a time when stores are short of meat and poultry, and when the Passover and Easter holidays will increase the demand for eggs, this attempt to halt the sale of eggs must appear "like a pistol placed at the heads of consumers," he said. "I must advise egg jobbers to lay that pistol down."

Woolley said that he told the leaders of the Butter and Egg Merchants' Association that he was transmitting jobbers' requests for a price markup to OPA in Washington.

Representatives of the merchants group met yesterday with Commissioner of Markets Henry M. Brundage; Edward C. Maguire, the Mayor's labor advisor; Francis Cronin, of the War Food Administration, and Joseph G. Papa, president of Local 202, International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs, AFL. Present also was a member of the AFL egg candler's union which is supporting the "holiday."

According to an official from the Department of Markets, the egg wholesalers stated that if they were not assured by tonight that an immediate hearing will be granted them in Washington, they will stick

to their guns.

The strike threat was denounced last Thursday by retail and chain store representatives, meeting at the New Yorker Hotel.

Score Jimcrow In AFL Union

The National Negro Congress sent a protest yesterday to Charles J. McGowan, president of the AFL International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, against the union's reported plan to set up independent locals of Negro members.

Under the plan as discussed, all-Negro locals would be affiliated direct to the international, separate from white locals at their respective plants, with power to bargain directly with management.

The Boilermakers, long under fire for their Jimcrow policies, seek through this device to avoid further criticism.

Thelma M. Dale, Congress acting secretary, wrote McGowan:

"If these reports are correct, we consider the action an obvious attempt to meet the letter and subvert the spirit of recent court decisions regarding union membership rights of Negroes."

By setting up what appear to be separate locals to bargain with one management, the international is actually putting locals into competition, she charged.

News Capsules

Hearing on Anti-Semitism

The only legislative probe in this country of anti-semitism will open next Tuesday at 9 A. M. at HARRISBURG, PA. Following demands by the Philadelphia CIO and other groups, public hearings will be held on charges made six weeks ago by Senator Ellmer Holland, Pittsburgh Democrat, against the anti-semitic weekly "State News Service." Its publisher, A. O. Vorse, is an associate of G. Harvey Taylor, president pro-tem of the Senate and chairman of the Republican State Committee.

More than 1,000 leaders of industry, government, agriculture

and labor met at the Hotel Statler in Boston to unite behind plans for a \$15,000,000 dollar program to restore Boston as a port of world trade. Robert Mills, of the National Maritime Union declared the NMU looks forward to postwar extension of the no-strike pledge. Other speakers included Governor Maurice J. Tobin; William K. Jackson, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; Ralph E. Flanders, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; Howard S. Palmer, president of the New Haven Railroad, and Joseph Decatur, president of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau.

More than \$500,000 in readjustment allowances for unemployed World War II VETERANS have been paid in New Jersey since the program was launched under the "GI bill" last September, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission announced yesterday. The program provides a maximum of \$20 a week for unemployed veterans. The Navy Plans to include the SEABEES as a regular part of the postwar Naval service, it was learned yesterday. High-ranking naval officers also are talking about retaining WAVES in the postwar Navy but this would require legislation.

A large group of American and British soldiers liberated from Japanese prison camps in the Philippines arrived in SAN FRANCISCO yesterday. Sirens and whistles sounded greetings. Bagpipers of the Canadian legion joined in the welcome.

FRED M. VINSON, in his first conference since he became Federal Loan Administrator, stated he would make every effort to see that "the resources of our landing agencies are made available to assist American business in the task of providing full employment and attaining the President's goal of 60,000,000 jobs."

Jimcrow Can't Inspire Men of the 92nd

By EUGENE GORDON

The War Department, according to news dispatches from Rome, is making a special effort to find out why the 92nd Division and other all Negro combat units have been making "unsatisfactory showings" and to work out methods of solving this problem.

What is the "problem"? It is the problem of making men behave like full-fledged men when they are treated like creatures less than men.

We Negro officers and men of the 92nd Division in 1918 used to say bitterly that a segregated outfit was an inferior outfit. Regardless of what you may think to the contrary, the men of that division today feel and say precisely the same thing.

Negroes from such relatively progressive centers as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Detroit, men whose native intelligence is buttressed by formal schooling, are segregated into Jimcrow outfits, deprived of the ranking Negro officers who trained them as National Guardsmen, and are otherwise treated as inferiors. They

Daily Worker reporter Eugene Gordon was himself a member of the 92nd Division in the first World War. He went to France as a sergeant of an officers' training school in April, 1918, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in July. His first published story in any daily newspaper was an account of two daylight raids made by patrols he led behind the German lines on Nov. 6 and 7, 1918, when he commanded a platoon of Co. C, 367th Infantry. The whole First Battalion was commended for these feats.

take it all in their stride, however, though resenting it deeply. They take it because they know that, even as they fight Hitler they are fighting Jimcrow.

Negroes from the heart of the Jimcrow country, on the other hand—from the rural areas of backward Mississippi, for instance never having realized their dreams of schooling or the right to belong to a National Guard outfit with Negro officers, are a special "problem" to the War Department.

TREATED AS INFERIORS

Truman Gibson, the Secretary of War's civilian aide, quotes War Department figures to show that 17 out of every 100 men in the 92nd Division in Italy cannot read or write and that 75 out of every 100 can barely read or write. These

men, largely from the most unenlightened sections of the South, cannot be expected to see this war as benefitting them as they believe it will benefit their white fellow soldiers. They were treated as inferiors back in Mississippi and they are treated as inferiors in the front lines facing the Nazis.

Stories about the "problem" of the 92nd Division will continue to be written until something is done to solve it. What? Abolish second-rate gradings as applied to Negro troops!

The men of the black 92nd Division of the black 77th Field Artillery, of the black 784th Tank Battalion and of black Col. Benjamin O. Davis's Fighter Group are sons of people who know they must win this war.

Heroes of the 92nd Division just last week were awarded 11 silver and 27 bronze stars. They got these prizes not for running away from but for killing just such Nazis as those who, at the Camp Swift, Texas, regional hospital, enjoy what the Negro press calls "food priority over Negro soldiers."

The 777th Field Artillery fired the first gun of the 9th Army 16th Corps into Mehrum across the Rhine. It was black 784th Tank Battalion of the 9th Army which spearheaded the attack for white 35th Infantry Division into the Nazi town of Sevelen. It is the flying outfit headed by Col. Davis which was recently decorated by Col. Y. H. Taylor, commanding officer of the wing to which this group is assigned, for "meritorious achievement and heroism in combat against the enemy."

The "trouble" with the 92nd, as with every other all-Negro outfit, is Jimcrow and discrimination. Get rid of those anti-democratic evils, at home and in the armed services, and you get rid of all such "troubles."

Union Lookout

- UE Convinces Sperry
- Furriers Study World Problems

by Dorothy Loeb



Those who find it hard to believe that management can be won to a policy of cooperation with labor would do well to examine the new contract between the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers and the Sperry Gyroscope Co. Sperry was formerly an anti-union as they come. It had a company union for years and tried to hold on to it. But the UE won an election there, showed itself an able and worker-supported collective bargaining agent and the result was not only improvements in wages and conditions but good labor-management relations.

Executives of the CIO Joint Board of Fur Dressers and Dyers and shop chairmen in locals affiliated to the board are participating in a fortnightly class on Crime Conference decisions, Bretton Woods, the San Francisco United Nations parley, the World Trade Union Conference and allied subjects. Harry Martell, board education director, conducted the first session and James Allen, expert on foreign affairs and Worker writer, will lead the next one. Other speakers will include Sam Burt, board manager, Irving Potash, manager of the CIO Furriers Joint Council, and George Morris, Daily Worker associate labor editor. . . . A salute to America's 10 outstanding women was featured in The Advance, official organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, in celebration of International Women's Day. They chose Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, Mary McLeod Bethune, Verda Barnes of CIO-PAC, Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Cal), Marlene Dietrich, ACW vice-president Dorothy Bellanca, Professor Ruth Benedict, co-author of The Races of Mankind, Rep. Emily Taft Douglas (D-Ill) and Col. F. A. Blanchfield, head of the Army Nurse Corps. Miss Dietrich was chosen because she has "tirelessly faced danger and capture to entertain at the front."

The National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is protesting a War Manpower Commission ruling in Indianapolis which, it says, forces Negro workers who leave the South to enter war industry to return to virtual peonage. The situation came to the fore in the case of Peter Coates, Jr., a Mississippi farm tenant, who got an Indianapolis war job. After six weeks of work, his employer referred him back to the U. S. Employment Service where he was informed he was wanted back in Mississippi for farm labor. NAACP says he was told he'd better go back because there would be no further work for him in Indianapolis.

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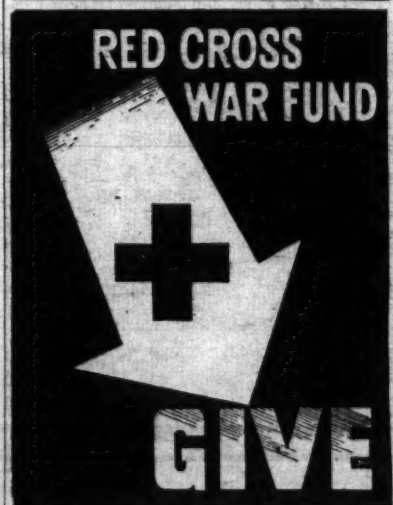
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Terming our youth of today "citizens of tomorrow's world," Frank Sinatra yesterday called upon our young people to join with the youth of the United Nations to fight for a world in which they could "live in peace with their neighbors across the seas as well as with their neighbors down the street." Sinatra made this statement public when accepting the invitation to address the World Youth Week Rally at Carnegie Hall, March 21.

Other speakers at the Carnegie Hall Rally will include Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, California; Dr. Bryn Hovde, chief of the division of cultural cooperation of the Department of State, and Newbold Morris, president of the City Council. Orson Welles is chairman of the rally.



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Lewis Rejects Coal Mine Operators' Counter-Offer

WASHINGTON, March 16 (UP).—The United Mine Workers today rejected the soft coal operators' answer to their wage contract demands, but directed UMW negotiators to continue joint conferences on reaching agreement by March 31, expiration date of the contract. John L. Lewis will present the miners' reply when the conference resumes tomorrow. At that time "show-down" sessions will begin.

The operators rejected Lewis' 18 contract demands and offered six counter-proposals.

The operators also rejected Lewis' demand for a royalty of 10 cents a ton on all coal mined with which to set up hospitalization and insurance funds for union members.

The operators said the royalty proposal presents an "entirely new social theory and philosophy" which would affect every industry.

"As such, it must be considered and acted upon as a national problem," they said. "It is one to be considered by public legislative bodies."

COUNTER-PROPOSALS

They estimated that their counter-proposals would add \$1.69 a week to miners' basic earnings. Here is what they offered:

1—A two-year contract subject to cancellation on 60 days notice by either side after the first year. The union wants a contract with no expiration date but subject to cancellation on 20 days notice by either party.

2—Wage differentials of four cents an hour for the second shift and six cents for the third. The union asked 10 and 15 cents.

3—Vacation pay of two percent of yearly earnings for miners with one to five years service. Four percent, with a maximum of \$100, for those with more than five years service. The union wants \$100 for all instead of \$50 as at present.

4—Adoption of the so-called Illinois agreement providing for the rehiring of miners who are war veterans. The union wants a clause guaranteeing that veterans will be given back their jobs.

5—Full pay for time spent underground traveling to and from the mine face, but no pay for the 15-minute lunch period. Lewis is demanding full pay for all time, including the lunch period.

6—Overtime pay beginning after 60 hours a week, regardless of the daily breakdown of hours. The union wants a 35-hour week with overtime beginning at the end of the seventh hour of each day.

The remaining union demands were rejected with no counter-offers.

CIO Union Raps Philly Transit

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The CIO Transport Workers Union, facing a deadlock in negotiations with Philadelphia Transportation Co., is taking its case to the War Labor Board and to the public.

The TWU charges the company with "complete bad faith" in negotiations. Management proposals for a new contract amount, in effect, to a wage cut, says the union.

The WLB and other government agencies are being asked to give the case speedy attention. Management's aim, it is charged, is to smash the union and destroy the standards built up by PTC workers.

Singer Sewing Machine Signs 1st Union Contract in 72 Years

ELIZABETH, N. J., March 16.—For the first time in its 72-year history, the Singer Sewing Machine Co. here, has signed a union contract.

The agreement, covering 6,000 employees, was signed with the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 401.

Under the agreement, workers are guaranteed maintenance of

Boruchowitz Fought For U.S.-Soviet Amity

It was in the height of the hysteria over the execution of Victor Alter and Henry Ehrlich, Polish Social Democrats, condemned to death as spies that enemies of the Soviet Union

sought to use the case to create hostility to the USSR among members of Local 117 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. They proposed that the union, in session at Manhattan Center, stand for two minutes in memory of the two, who had been executed for service to Hitler.

The Soviet-baiters missed out in their objective. Led by Joseph Boruchowitz, pioneer fighter for democracy in the needle trades, more than 75 percent of the Jewish cloakmakers kept their seats and refused to join in the attack on United Nations unity.

The next morning, March 18, Boruchowitz, a front rank fighter against fascism and a veteran leader of the ILGWU rank and file, was stricken by a heart attack that proved fatal.

A long-time member and leader of the Communist Party, he died as he had lived, in the midst of the fight against Hitlerism and against those who would weaken the struggle against it.

FOSTER TO SPEAK

That was two years ago. Tomorrow, William Z. Foster, vice-president of the Communist Political Association, will be a main speaker at a memorial honoring the needle trades worker and leader.

The memorial will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Manhattan Center. In addition to Foster, speakers will include



JOSEPH BORUCHOWITZ

members of the ILGWU long associated with Boruchowitz in his struggles and who today continue the fight against the treacherous policies of David Dubinsky, ILG president, and the clique that shares leadership with him.

Boruchowitz, born Sept. 26, 1890 in Bialostok, Poland, came to the U. S. in 1920, worked here 33 years as a cloakmaker, led needle trades strikes and was once an ILGWU international vice-president.

Probe of Philly Transit Strike Fizzles, Real Inciters Untouched

By Federated Press

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—Probe of the Philadelphia transit strike fizzled to a close Monday when Federal Judge George A. Welsh fined 27 present and former employees of the Philadelphia Transportation Co. \$100 each for violation of the Smith-Connally Act.

The question of who was behind the strike, which paralyzed transportation in the nation's second largest war center for a week last August and nearly caused a race riot, was left unanswered although the investigation had clearly shown that resentment against the up-grading of eight Negroes was not the real reason for the walkout.

It was the result of "greed for the dollar and a hatred born of the devil," Welsh said in imposing the sentences, but his original instructions to the jurors to discover if a political conspiracy to influence the national election was behind the al-

leged race hatred walkout were buried in silence.

Previously Welsh had indicated that the strike leaders were acting for more powerful interests behind the scenes, confirming the charge of the Transport Workers Union (CIO) that PTC officials and prominent Republicans linked with the powerful Pew machine helped instigate this strike to injure the CIO and the Roosevelt administration.

On the stand, James McMenamin, former company union head and main strike leader, said he had nothing to do with the organization of the strike and that the "race question popped up suddenly in the middle of the week of the strike." Federal Prosecutor Edward A. Kelly told the court the government was unable to learn who instructed employees to start the strike by remaining off "sick."

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New Challenge to AFL Members

THE AFL's silence on the Crimea conference has been broken in a statement of its so-called International Committee which, ostensibly, is aimed at the World Trade Union Conference held recently at London.

It is doubtful if the statement reflects the views of even all members of the AFL Executive Council. It certainly does not speak for the great majority of the AFL members.

Until now, AFL leaders based their sabotage of world labor unity on a refusal to sit with the "totalitarian" unions of the Soviet Union or the "dual" CIO. But the statement now reveals the real basis of their policy.

The right of American workers to act jointly on common problems such as those that will come before the San Francisco United Nations parley, is now challenged. Further to show their hand, the AFL leaders revive the old paralyzing cry that unions have an "economic" interest.

Thus, when the trend is everywhere away from isolationism, the AFL leaders cling to that bankrupt policy. When every schoolboy realizes that without political world unity the road will not be cleared for the kind of future labor wants, the AFL's leaders revive the "economism" that most unions have outlived long ago.

The AFL's statement would be cause for laughter if the real purpose behind it wasn't so apparent. Their object is to hit Crimea by hitting at the solid support that a movement of 50,000,000 organized workers is giving it. They would bar this influence from the San Francisco meeting.

That object doesn't have the support of even the most conservative circles in the AFL. The splendid pro-Crimea editorial in the official organ of the Teamsters, the AFL's largest union, is proof of that. Courtney Ward, head of Ohio painters who sent him to observe the London meeting, reflects the real opinions of AFL members.

This policy of sabotaging United Nations and world labor unity should be vigorously protested in AFL unions.

Fight for Price Control

IT'S PRETTY tough on the makers of Camel cigarettes. Their profits last year came to only \$33,000,000. And so they think Congress should force on OPA an increase in price ceilings.

Or consider the plight of the poor hotelmen. They complain that business is too good. They demand that OPA give them "relief" against the wear and tear of constantly occupied rooms.

Getting a bit closer to the average market basket, the powerful dairy lobby urges a price increase of six cents a pound of butter. Meat packers insist on a profit for each and every item they handle. And the National Retail Dry Goods Association is demanding an even more flagrant guarantee of profits.

But the war profiteers have not confined themselves to tales of woe before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, which is now considering extension of price control, or to the usual pressures applied to individual Congressmen and Senators.

With hearings still in progress in Washington, they have resorted to a more direct attack on consumers. In New York, egg wholesalers are resorting to a "holiday" to force prices up, and all sectors of the meat industry are still engaging in extensive black market operations.

A major crisis is developing on the price control front. The need for counter-measures by labor and consumer groups is obvious. Vigorous community action against local violations of OPA ceilings and regulations is a must. So is public pressure on the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to withstand the assault of the profiteers.

In Memory of Boruchowitz

NEW YORKERS, particularly the garment workers who worked with him for many years, will commemorate the death of Joseph Boruchowitz Sunday afternoon at Manhattan Center. William Z. Foster is main speaker.

When Boruchowitz died two years ago, many thousands mourned the loss of a great leader, especially of the ladies garment workers to whom he had devoted his tireless energy to the point of exhaustion. But today, as the garment workers view the destructive effect of David Dubinsky's control of their union, its association with the most reactionary forces in the country, the loss of Boruchowitz is really felt.

Today more than ever, his spirit and example is needed among the garment workers.

PROUD PAGES



Connolly's Hopes of Eire's Role

By

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

EVERY time I write about Ireland somebody calls me a foreigner who knows naught of what I write. Yet I regularly read three Irish papers from across the seas: The Irish People from Dublin, organ of the Labor Party; Unity from Belfast, the organ of the Communist Party's Unity Committee; and the Irish Democrat published by the Connolly Association in London, edited by Pat Dooley.



My credentials to know something of the struggles of the Irish people are first my ancestry. My mother was born in Galway, my father's people in Mayo. Next, and ever more important, in my youth I was a co-worker of James Connolly and James Larkin, Sr., and in my mother's home nearly three decades ago, I met much distinguished Irish patriots as Mrs. Sheehy-Skeffington, Liam Mellows and Dr. Patrick MacCartan, who may be the next president of Eire.

I met Lady Gregory Kathleen O'Brennan, Padraic Colum, Yeats, Patrick Lord, the famous editor, and O'Donovan Rossa, the historic exile. As a Socialist, then an IWW, and now a Communist I have always been anathema to reactionary Irish circles. But they cannot take away from me the Irish heritage which I consider is in far closer harmony with my life than with theirs.

They Fight for Irish Freedom

I also know what Marx, Engels, and Lenin have written on the Irish national struggle, which most of the "professional Irish" in America have never heard of apparently. But when I state that Irish "neutrality" in this war outrages my high concepts of Irish courage, character, and political ideals, I am strengthened in my position by the knowledge that a half a million of my Irish kinsfolk are in the British army and industries, and millions more are in the American, Canadian, and Australian armies and industries. They are all fighting for Irish freedom, in spite of Eire's "neu-

trality" and DeValera's indifference to this people's war.

"Under the Banner of Connolly" by Pat Dooley is a timely short study of Connolly's "Labour in Irish History" as it applies to the present. Many Irish people in all lands revere the martyred leader of the Easter Week Uprising in 1916, who do not know that he was a labor organizer here and in Ireland, a founder of the Irish Transport Workers Union, a Marxian Socialist, and an internationalist, as well as a militant Irish Republican.

Pat Dooley excoriates those who use Connolly's name while suppressing or falsifying his teachings, and that the "thousands of exiles in Britain are acquainting themselves with the Socialist ideas of Connolly for the first time. They have special opportunities to participate in the workingclass and trade union movements in Britain, as Connolly did when he was abroad." They will return to Ireland if they do, with broadened horizons and own perspectives.

Lift the Mental Blackout in Eire

What has DeValera's vocationalist postwar Ireland to offer them? Mr. T. A. Jackson, a friend and co-worker of James Connolly says in the introduction "Connolly did not desire to free Ireland in order that she—a holy island—might thereafter sever every tie connecting her with the world of 'unholy' humanity."

He took the view of Tone, of Emmet, of Davis, and Lalor, the view which labor expressed in the burning words which James Connolly delighted to reprint: "I

want to put Ireland in the van of the world, at the head of the nations—to set her aloft in the blaze of the sun and to make her for ages the lode-star of history. Will she take the path I point out—the path to be free and famed? Or onward to the end of time will wretched Ireland ever come limping and lagging behind?"

I earnestly wish, but with little hope, that this excellent pamphlet of Pat Dooley's can break through what the Irish Democrat of Lehigh calls the "most savage censorship in Europe," that of the Eire government, and help lift the mental blackout of the Irish people.

At least Pat Dooley's will be widely read by the Irish workers in Britain and should be read by the Irish here, as well. Let us hope that on this St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1945, the strong winds of freedom will once again blow over the emerald isle.

"What would Connolly think?" is a challenging call to take its rightful place in the United Nations. The Irish people, in their centuries of struggle, earned a better future than their present government's sorry role of a "neutral," with Nazi tendencies, will ever be able to realize for them.

A united democratic and free Ireland was the aim of James Connolly. It is realizable today yet still to be attained. It will come when in the words of Robert Emmet "My country takes her rightful place among the nations of the earth!" Speed the day!

*An Irish Freedom Pamphlet, London.

Worth Repeating

FULL EMPLOYMENT can be achieved in America declared Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, in an address to the opening dinner of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York (March 8), in which he concludes: Full employment is a principle that can be accepted by all of us. By the majority who oppose socialism and communism. By the small minority who favor socialism. By those Americans who desire Government to assume a larger role in the life of the nation. And by those Americans who would prefer to see Government play a minor role in the life of the nation. Whatever our differences—and they are many in a democracy—we can all unite in a common responsibility to achieve a 60,000,000-job America.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION VICTORY in New York State leads Howard Brubaker to make a sarcastic observation about discrimination in the current (March 17) New Yorker: The passage by the legislature in Albany of the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination bill may lead to similar action by other states and by Congress. It certainly would be silly to make people move to New York in order to be created equal.

Today's Guest Column

THERE is very dangerous speculation being dished out by large sections of the American press over whether or not the Soviet Union will join the war against Japan and if so when and how. It is currently based on the fact that the coming United Nations Security Conference will be located in the Pacific Ocean port of San Francisco, that the Soviet Union will sit together with China at that conference, and that the date of it, April 25, coincides with the fourth anniversary of the ratification of the 1941 Neutrality Pact between the Soviet Union and Japan.



It is ridiculous to attach any importance to the geographical location of the forthcoming meeting, except as a reminder that the United Nations form a global organization which can meet in any convenient and pleasant spot it wants to.

Nor is there any significance in the fact that the Soviet Union will sit side by side with China and the other anti-Japanese Allies. They did so at the Hot Springs food conference and they did so again at Bretton Woods. The presence of a Soviet Union delegation at San Francisco cannot therefore be taken to mean anything one way or the other regarding that nation's intentions toward Japan.

by Frederick V. Field

ON THE question of the date of the meeting I want to quote from a recent column by Harry Bridges in the ILWU's The Dispatcher: "Due to newspaper emphasis and attempts to second guess what is in the minds of Soviet leaders, large numbers of people believe that April 25, 1945, the opening date of the San Francisco United Nations conference, marks the day when the Soviet Union's non-aggression treaty with Japan expires. Thus, the American press—or at least sections of it such as Hearst, the Chicago Tribune, and the Scripps-Howard chain—lay the basis for another subtle attack on one of our hardest fighting allies, USSR, and indirectly become the means of urging a two-front war upon that nation."

Bridges goes on to point out that the language of the Soviet-Japanese Pact is perfectly clear. It is a five-year pact, dating from April 25, 1941, which unless it is denounced one year before the expiration of its term is automatically renewed an additional five years. That means that either the pact is denounced on or before this coming April 25, in which case it continues in operation until April 25, 1945, and at that date lapses, or it is not denounced and therefore is automatically extended until April of 1951.

The Soviet Union's Interest In Far Eastern Security

I HAVEN'T the remotest notion what the Soviet Union intends to do about this pact and there is not a single other columnist, editorial writer or publisher in this country who has any inside information on the subject. Anything and everything you read about it is speculation and guess work.

I don't take the position that we shouldn't try to figure out this very important question for ourselves, but I am strongly opposed to the deliberate use which is being made of this issue by the press in order deliberately to create false hopes and prepare the ground for a critical reaction in case the Soviet Union lets April 25 go by without denouncing its pact with Japan.

A balanced view of the Soviet-Japanese question should in my opinion give full weight to the following factors: (1) that the Soviet Union is bearing the brunt of the defeat of Hitler; (2) that a key question in the war against Japan is internal unity in China, and that (3) another key question is the development of coalition warfare among the present anti-Japanese allies including the colonial people of Asia.

Let Americans put their minds on the solution of these last two points and meanwhile be confident that the Soviet Union's major objective is world security and that she will take whatever course in the Far East is necessary to achieve that objective.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Choose Between Builders and Wreckers

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The specter of a tragic repetition of blind partisanship among very influential Republican Senators and party officials to discredit, and, finally, destroy the unity of the nations fighting militaristic, aggressor Germany after she has been defeated, is lurking ready to do evil.

In the proportion that unity has been strengthened between the United Nations and good, though not without minor faults, agreements have been reached on very crucial international problems, the efforts increase on many reactionary and trouble-making political factions, to magnify small defects and shortcomings to proportions of actual danger to the future peace.

The people must choose between the builders and the wreckers; the healers and the prisoners, in fact, between salvation or ruin.

A. G. D.

Denver Children And Red Army

Denver, Colo.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A few weeks ago a campaign was initiated by Mr. Brierly, a high school teacher in the public schools of Denver. It was a campaign to collect clothing for the Soviet Union.

In a very short time the students of all ages collected about two carloads of clothing, most of it of excellent quality and in good condition and a good deal of it perfectly new. The response of the young people of Denver amazed and gratified the Friends of the Soviet Union. Many of the children put notes in their bundles, such as: "I hope you will come and visit us after the war is over," and, "We are proud of what your Red Army has done to defeat the enemy." I heard from several parents how enthusiastic the children were about this campaign.

The Russian War Relief Organization of Denver has done a wonderful job not only in collecting clothing and other things, but also in educating the people and gaining the friendship of Denver's population.

HELEN L. DIETRICH.

Radio Schedule In Sunday Paper

Brooklyn

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why doesn't the Sunday edition of the Worker carry a schedule of radio programs? We have a subscription and realize that mail copies are set up in advance—still the New York Times gives a whole week's schedules.

Sunday is usually the night when most workers stay home to relax and listen to the radio.

I buy PM on Saturday for the radio column.

May I have your answer?

G. BRODSKY.

[Ed. Note: The national edition of The Worker goes to press on Thursday night. The radio listing for Sunday is not available until Friday night. The Sunday radio schedule can therefore be carried only in the late city edition of The Worker.]

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Views On Labor News

TWO more apostles of "free trade unionism" are on the way to the hoosegow. The reputable gentlemen this time are Joseph Fay, vice-president of the Operating Engineers and James Bove who "resigned" as vice-president of the Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union on the day his trial opened.

The slight misunderstanding that brought misfortune upon them revolves around a few hundred thousand dollars these boys pocketed for what they claim was a "service" rendered to contractors who "voluntarily" and "willingly" paid them for same. The "service"—just a matter of a little help on labor relations—consisted of an assurance of lower wage rates and strikebreaking. The jury somehow got the impression that it was not "service" but "extortion." As Bill Green will probably say, a "grave injustice" has been done.

Most people will remember them as crooks. But it may be also interesting to mention that these two characters are notorious for their tireless denunciation of "Communists," and concern for "free, bonafide" trade unionism. They raise their hands in horror at the very suggestion that American unionists sit at the same table with the "totalitarian" Soviet trade unions.

Anyway, they don't beat the rap and they are on their way to join a whole parade along a well-trodden path.

Another notorious champ of "free" trade unionism, is George Browne, ex-president of



by George Morris

the Stage Hands and vice-president of the AFL executive council. He just came out of jail after doing a little time for shaking down the film industry. Freed with him is another pillar of Matt Woll's "free" labor movement—Willie Bioff. He no sooner passed his teen years when he took to the old profession of pandering for which he paid his debt to society on an earlier occasion. Willie developed a prosperous career in partnership with Browne until he began to hit the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

THERE are still a considerable number of former associates of Browne and Bioff, who are parading as great labor leaders. One who was an international representative under them is Thomas Murtha, president of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council. He recently slashed his own throat and hasn't yet explained to the public why he did such an un-unionlike thing. The Central Trades is deprived of its presiding officer who so watchfully kept it free of "Moscow" influence.

Another set of tireless fighters for "free" unionism are clustered around George Scalise, former president of the Building Service Workers. He is still doing time for shaking down building owners for strike-insurance and robbing the union's treasury. The law caught up with several others of his associates, among them James Bambrick, former head of the large New York Local 32-B, who was especially noted for his dislike of "communists."

Two More Champs of 'Free' Unionism Join the Parade

The law crawls on very slowly because these people are very resourceful in string-pulling. But the trial of Joseph Moreschi, president of Fay's union, scheduled at Washington under a federal indictment, appears to be quite near. Moreschi heading a union of some 350,000 members gained world fame when a court ordered him to hold a convention after one had not been held for 30 years. Moreschi, quite correctly, thought his members were foolish, for he knew that the kind of convention he would rig up wouldn't change anything.

ANYWAY, the indictment against him must be another of Roosevelt's "anti-labor" moves. His associates in the AFL's leadership, particularly building trades boss Bill Hutcheson, think highly of him. At the Boston AFL convention, when that solemn moment arrived for the election of the president and the gavel had to be handed to some one with a pious appearance and unimpeachable record, who else qualified but Joe Moreschi? Whatever you'll say about Joe Moreschi, he is the staunchest exponent of Bill Green's "free" unionism west of Berlin.

Leaders and members of the 27-million strong Soviet trade unions must read about these notable figures of "free" unionism and conclude that: If they would only develop the art of shaking down, robbing union treasuries, ducking conventions for 30 years, getting "elected" for life like King Joe Ryan, wearing cut-away coats and looking dignified at expensive testimonials, they, too, would be fit to associate with "free, bonafide" unions.

Bretton Woods Plan Means International Stability

by Labor Research Assn.

the operations of the proposed fund, the average importer and exporter, the average business man, farmer and worker have a great deal to gain from it. It is no exaggeration to say, as the CIO does in its leaflet on the subject, that some 5,000,000 jobs in world trade are at stake in this bill (HR 2211) now before Congress.

One group that speaks for the plain people in the matter is composed of country bankers. They have been heard from in support of the bill through a statement by the Independent Bankers Association, representing 2,000 banks in 40 states. It said:

"We cannot permit the channels of world trade to be clogged with currency depreciation, discriminatory exchange controls, barter arrangements and cut-throat competition and expect a world in economic chaos to cooperate in preserving the peace."

This group, like some other far-sighted bankers, want the unamended bill passed as it was presented to Congress. For they say:

"If we undertake to change an agreement that was generally satisfactory to 44 nations we may destroy the whole plan and in that case we would be back in the confusion that has beset us in the past but even worse confusion due to the ravages of war."

These bankers and a growing group of people in business and financial circles are beginning to see that a healthy world economy is abso-

lutely essential if we are to have domestic stability after the war.

Expanded international trade in a world free from monetary disorders and economic warfare is one of the obvious prerequisites for our own economic progress, the achievement of full production and employment and higher standards of living at home.

This kind of world economy cannot be achieved through bi-lateral clearing agreements supported by all countries engaged in international trade.

The United States is obviously not acting as a world "philanthropist" in investing its share in the fund. For we will benefit from it perhaps more than any other country. We suffered most heavily from the blocked funds, the import quotas, the dangerous restrictions and discriminatory practices of the 1930's. The Bretton Woods program would wipe out these practices and open the way for a large expansion in our trade.

In sizing up the opposition to the fund bear in mind also the fact that the same interests were the very ones that fought the original Federal Reserve Act when it was first enacted in 1913. They called it "unsound," "novel," "impractical," "unworkable"—the same words they now use against Bretton Woods. But history has shown they were wrong then. And they are wrong now in opposing this effective plan of 44 United Nations to bring about stability and order in world economic relations.

Facts for Victory

VARIOUS business groups, some of them with the best of intentions, others with their own fish to fry, are ganging up on the Bretton Woods agreement for an international bank and monetary fund. They are joined by congressional Tories always eager to sabotage an administration-sponsored measure.

All of these interests would like to have us believe that their opposition is based mainly on technical grounds, that they "find much that is desirable in the objectives," as the American Bankers Association Commission puts it.

But this line of amendment and reservation should not blind us to the reasons that underlie a good deal of this opposition to the fund. In business circles it is known that the dealers in foreign exchange are very much opposed to the fund because it would tend to undercut their profitable traffic. Before the war these exchange brokers had their networks of offices all over the world and cleaned up tidy sums from so-called "arbitrage" transactions. Changes in foreign exchange rates were grist to their profit mills.

If the fund were set up in the way proposed at Bretton Woods the bulk of these profits would vanish, as there would be no need for the traditional market adjustments.

But if these special interests will lose from



Romania Fascism Being Wiped Out--Why Squawk?

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

What's happening in Romania today is the evolution of a former Axis satellite—a backward, feudal, tortured land—away from fascism and toward democracy. But some American and British newspapermen profess to be alarmed.

To them, the allegiance of the Romanian people to new democratic leaders is equivalent to "communism." They seem to think that the corrupt, old police states in the Balkans are somehow eternally ordained, and any change from the past can only be "Communist inspired."

In every Balkan country, the Communists have emerged from a generation of illegality and torture; the old political parties, as Red Star recently declared, have become "archeological"; especially among the peasants, new formations have arisen in close association with the workers and intellectuals. Yet every time it happens we have a squawk from some quarters who seem to worship King Canute.

Here's the line-up in the last twelve months. Before the overthrow of the Antonescu dictatorship which had subjugated Romania to Germany, an underground Democratic Bloc came into being, composed of four main parties—the Communists, Socialists and the two traditional bourgeois parties, the Liberals and the National Peasants.

The Bratianu family had dominated the Liberals and Dr. Iuliu Maniu had been spokesman for the National Peasants for two decades. The Bratianus did not conduct any active struggle against Hitler. Maniu, in particular, simply "sat out the war," something like Dr. Matchek in Croatia. But it was important at that stage to involve him, if only in name, in a front against the pro-Hitler dictatorship.

This Democratic Bloc stepped in during the middle of August, 1944, to unite with the group of generals around King Michael and get Romania out of the war. One of Mich-

Britain Calm on Romanian Problem

LONDON, March 16 (UP).—A Foreign Office spokesman said today that consultation now being held between the British, Soviet and American Governments relative to events in Romania were "a good deal less exciting than one might be led to believe" by Washington dispatches.

He said he was "not prepared to say" that the situation was unsatisfactory to Britain, and emphasized that several factors must be taken into consideration, "including the military situation." The negotiations have been going on "aside from the Allied Control Commission" for several days, he said.

Sanatescu's house generals, Constantin Sanatescu, became premier, and the Democratic Bloc entered the government.

NEW CABINET

In October, Sanatescu was forced to reorganize his regime. This time the Liberals and Peasant Party politicians stepped into the background. Still unable to carry through the armistice effectively and purge the unholy nest of fascists from political life, Sanatescu gave way to Gen. Nicholas Radescu early in December.

And, by this time, changes had occurred in the Democratic Bloc, transforming it into the National Democratic Front. It was composed of the Communists, the Workers Union (the main trade union organization), groups of intellectuals and the Agrarian Front, headed by Dr. Petru Groza. The Agrarians were steadily winning support of the peasants away from the old Maniu leadership.

In the third week of February, reactionary officers working with Radescu and the old-line Peasant and Liberal Party politicians attempted a coup d'etat. It took the form of shooting down mass meetings called by the Democratic Front.

The Soviet press compared this to the Kapp putsch against the Weimar republic in 1920.

Finally, on March 6, Groza became premier with a predominantly National Democratic Front cabinet, with the possible exception of the foreign minister, the old-line politico, Nicholas Tatarescu. Agrarian reforms were announced, improved pay for the army, the beginnings of a serious fulfillment of the armistice terms. And Groza, popular in Transylvania, secured the return of this region by Soviet consent, pledging fraternity with the large Hungarian and German minorities there.

In other words, Romania has experienced the kind of evolution which might have gone even more quickly in Italy. American correspondents are squawking because the Soviet Union has not impeded this development, whereas the British did succeed in hampering it in Rome. In Italy, a general like Radescu would have remained in power and would have held open house for reactionary Allied officials and all the former fascists. In Romania he was himself compelled to seek the hospitality of the British Embassy.

Pertinax, the French commentator here, sums this all up in yesterday's N. Y. Times with the following mournful conclusion: "Fundamentally, the trend will not be reversed. Sooner or later on top of the agrarian reform, a program of industrialization is bound to come."

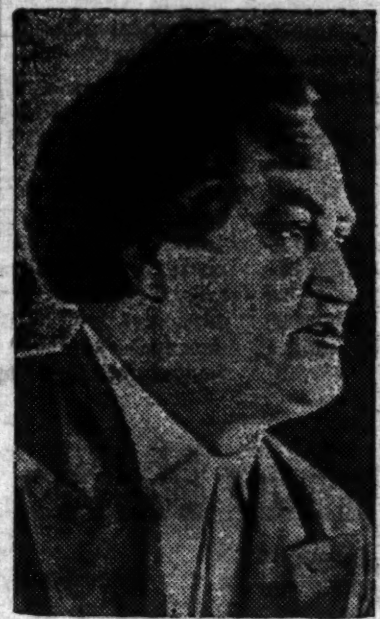
Imagine that — agrarian reform plus industrialization! NO TEARS

Is that anything to be mournful about. Can there be any doubt that the overwhelming majority of the Romanian people favor such a trend? If the Yalta agreement means anything, it means that the Romanian people must be given every opportunity to eradicate the vestiges of fascism. The old leaders didn't and couldn't do that, because as Pertinax admits, the "old leadership of the Liberals and National Peasants is hopelessly out of tune with the times." Therefore new leaders have arisen and are guiding Romania's development. Instead of bemoaning this fact, we should all be cheering.

9 Bulgar Generals Get Death as Nazi Aides

SOFIA, March 15 (Delayed) (UP).—Nine generals and 20 officers of lower rank were sentenced to death yesterday on charges of pro-German policies, murder of partisans and sending troops to Yugoslavia and Greece.

The Bulgarian Fourth Division People's Court also sentenced two generals and 23 other officers to life imprisonment. Twenty-eight were acquitted.



GEORGE DIMITROV

George Dimitrov Returns to Bulgaria

George Dimitrov, hero of the Reichstag fire trial and general secretary of the former Communist International, has returned to his native Bulgaria.

He is one of four Communists elected to the 23-member national committee of the Fatherland Front, Bulgarian resistance organization.

Father of 11 Rejected by Army

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., March 16 (UP).—Vivian Lockhart, 35, who has a wife and 11 children, was rejected for Army service today because of a back ailment.

Lockhart volunteered for service. If he had been accepted, the Government would have paid his wife a monthly allotment of \$280—more than he's ever earned as a farm worker and clerk. He plans to go into war work.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Vichyite Gets Life Term

French Gen. Jean Henri JAUNEUD, commander of aviation in eastern France and the Mediterranean in 1940, was sentenced to life imprisonment, "national degradation," deprivation of rank and confiscation of property for collaboration. . . . The underground Italian FASCIST PARTY, several of whose members were arrested in Rome, was organized to disseminate false and alarmist news, collect money by terrorism, publish clandestine papers. A military section was trained for sabotage and assassination. . . . Pravda, Soviet Communist organ, called for a vigorous education campaign to combat the influence in the LATVIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC of Nazis, Latvian German Nationalists and "Kulaks," landowners who rob their neighbors through usury and otherwise.

The ALBANIAN government newspaper Bashkimi expressed "deep regret" that Albania was not invited to the San Francisco World Security Conference: "How can we not regret this, since nations that neither participated in the war nor sacrificed one single life in the struggle against fascism and Nazism have been invited to this conference, while Albania, which fought for so many years and is still shedding blood in the struggle shoulder to shoulder with the heroic army of Marshal Tito against the common enemy is not invited?" . . . A bill granting the BELGIAN Government special emergency powers was passed by the Chamber of Deputies, 116-1.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and the Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

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Tomorrow Manhattan

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TECHNICOLOR MOVIE and other shorts—March 18th. 201 Second Ave. Dancing, free refreshments. Subscription 35c. Henry Forbes Community Club. 8:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON TEA AND BOOK REVIEW. Sunday, March 18th, 3:30 p.m. "The Cross and the Arrow"—a provocative and controversial discussion led by Dr. Jean Rubinstein. Unity Center CFA, 2744 Broadway (105th St.). Adm. 35c.

AN EVENING YOU'LL REMEMBER! Dave Platt and Herman Schwartzman in

a Chopin recital and lecture on film—A Song to Remember. Sunday, March 18th, 8 p.m. Institute, 23 West 26th St. Tickets \$1 at Book Shop and Institute.

Tomorrow Bronx

CAPT. SERGEI KOURNAKOFF will speak on "Military Events on the World Fronts." ALP Auditorium, 1723 Boston Rd. Sunday at 8 p.m. A.S.P. Bronx Culture Center.

HAROLD COLLINS will speak on the London International Labor Conference, Sunday, March 18th, 8:30 p.m. in the Co-operative Auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East. 8:30 p.m. A.S.P. Workers Colony.

Tomorrow Brooklyn

GEN. V. YAKHONTOFF, noted military authority, speaks Sunday evening on "Toward the San Francisco Conference." Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., B'klyn.

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In New York City, knowledge that

the city will get an additional \$14,000,000 from the state during the coming fiscal year has spurred the fight locally for wage raises. Reports emanating from City Hall indicate that the Mayor is considering using some of this additional money for raising the salaries of all teach-

ers getting less than \$3,000. Those getting up to \$2,500 will get an increase of 15 percent, according to these reports, and those getting \$2,500 to \$3,000 will get 10 percent.

The additional funds which the city anticipates are a result of the revised formulas for state aid to

education and to municipalities proposed earlier this week by two separate commissions set up by Gov. Dewey. The Legislature is expected to adopt both formulas.

The education formula will give to the city an additional \$4,330,000 for the next school year. The state aid to municipalities program will give the city about \$9,500,000 for the next fiscal year.

While teachers will doubtless wel-

come the proposed city increases, there is an off-the-record feeling that the city could do better. It is noted, for instance, that police and firemen all got \$420 annual wartime increases. The reported plan for teachers would mean an average of less than \$300 for those who get it.

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David Comes In Again, And
With Novikoff, Too

By Dave Farrell

Among his other talents Mons. Nat Low has two rarely mentioned in his column. For one thing the lad is psychic. And second, he knows how to throw out the bait and lure the suckers in to do his work for him.

I have been far, far away for a long, long time. I had just gotten back. There weren't five people who knew I was in circulation. And none of these would even nod to Nat. They wouldn't nod because they don't know the guy. And my friends, I'll have you know, do not go about nodding indiscriminately to total strangers.

Yet Nat ran an item about me and my erstwhile protege, Lou Novikoff, on the very first day that I had seen the paper in almost a year. And it was the kind of an item that he felt would be sure to get me snapping for his bait.

The item dealt with the shabby treatment afforded Novikoff by the Cubs and 15 other clubs impersonating big league teams. The story told how the Cubs had not only released the Mad Russian to their Los Angeles farm but had prevailed upon every other major league club owner to waive on him.

Lou's release not only was a dirty trick but also showed how badly baseball needs a real successor to the late Judge Landis. It must be remembered that Novikoff hit slightly over .300 last year. And if my usually reliable memory fails me not an even three—oh—oh the year before. How come then that 15 other clubs, many of which have attempted to buy Louie's contract in the past, waived on him this season? And this is the year when anybody who knows sliding pads from a bat-rack is in there. Otlie said he wanted him. Why hasn't he got him? The answer is obvious.

Jim Gallagher, he who broke the Chicago Hearst strike in '39 when he was a sportswriter, got every other club in the big show to act in collusion. It was a frame, in purple satin under glass. And it could only have been perpetrated during the interim period when there was nobody around in baseball's top seat.

The next question becomes "Now what?" Just this. Lou has signed to play for Los Angeles, where he will face high school pitching. (In the majors, so-disant, he'd have had to hit against an approximation of Class B chucking.) And then the Russky will be eligible for the draft. And he'll be up there again for the waiver price of \$7,500.

Now as for Lou himself, his situation is not too bad financially this year even though he is playing in a minor league. The reason is simply this: Whereas every minor league that I know of has a salary limit registered with the commissioner's office, the Coast League has none.

About six years ago, Judge Landis noticed that the Pacific Coast League had no salary limit and asked questions. They tried to shrug him off. When they couldn't get away with that they set the arbitrary figure of \$25,000 per month per team. Most Double-A leagues have a team salary limit of \$7,500 per month.

So Lou, who knows his value to the PCL, undoubtedly signed for what most players would call "satisfactory terms." Next year he will be hitting against Cub pitching. So that ought to make everybody happy. Except Charlie Grimm and what passes for Cub pitching.

Meet Marion's Understudy

ST. LOUIS, March 16 (UP).—Being understudy to the St. Louis Cardinals great Marty Marion seemingly holds about as much future as playing second fiddle to Albert Spalding. But not to Al Schoendienst, young Cardinal rookie shortstop who thinks his specialty is the easiest position on a ball club.

The red-head, who somehow, somewhere picked up the nickname of "Rex," is being groomed to take over the shortstop job if and when Marion gets a call from Uncle Sam.

"Sure I can handle the job," he said. "Marion is a great ball player, but if I am called on to fill his shoes I'll do a good job of it. Shortstop is the easiest position to play because all of the play is in front of you. I'm better at short than at second—but I can play all right there, too."

An echo to Schoendienst's seeming boastfulness comes from the Cardinal high command, and manager Bill Southworth has been quoted as saying that he will find a spot for the 23-year-old six-footer from Germantown, Ill., "even if I have to play him in the outfield."

The rookie comes to the champions heralded as one of the best prospects brought up to the Red-birds in some time. He served eight months in the Army and then was discharged shortly before the first of the year because of impaired vision—which doesn't bother him in the ball yard.

It was in 1941 that Al decided to try out at a Cardinals school for kids here. He made the grade quickly and started a climb through the Cardinal farm system which led to Union City, Tenn.; Albany, Ga., and Lynchburg, Va.

In 1943, while he was roaming the acres of the Piedmont League with Lynchburg and playing Grade-A ball in Class B competition, the Rochester Club of the International League needed a shortstop and Al got the bid.

Faster company didn't bother him and his big bat boomed to the tune of .337 to lead the league that season. But he was in the Army throughout all of last year.

Al is a switch hitter, swinging left-handed against right-handed pitchers and right-handed against the lefties. His bosses at Rochester had the temerity to say that Al was a better shortstop than Marion at the comparable stage of their careers.

Marty Marion is the best in the business as of now. You will find no argument on that score. However, Al, who's working in a war plant right now, thinks he will do a good job, no matter where the Cardinals want to play him. If the record books mean anything, he will be a cinch.

Parley Tomorrow On Bronx Problems

Civic leaders and government officials will address a non-partisan Bronx conference on legislation and community problems, to be held tomorrow (Sunday) under the auspices of the Bronx County American Labor Party at the Bronx Winter Garden, Washington and Tremont avenues.

Speakers will include George

Mand, president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce; Daniel P. Wooley, OPA Regional Director, and Councilman Michael J. Quill.

Panel sessions will be held 2 to 6 p.m.

The panel on Jobs and Veterans will hear Roderick Stephens, president of the Stephens Fuel Co.

From the Camps

ATLANTIC CITY.—"Florida weather" again basked the Yankee training camp site yesterday, and pilot Joe McCarthy concentrated on teaching rookie Joe Buzas the tricks of shortstop play. . . . The arrival of pitcher Elmer Singleton from Ogden, Utah, gave the Yanks 18 players in camp while the number of signed players reached 22 with word that twirler Emerson Roser has agreed to his contract.

Singleton's arrival yesterday made him pitcher No. 10 at camp. However, of all the hurlers present, boss McCarthy openly admits he's concentrating on Allen Gettel and Edward Holcombe. Holcombe is the owner of a really fine curve ball and can blaze a fast one in there when it's needed most. At Newark last season he won 17 and lost 10.

BEAR MOUNTAIN.—Leo Durocher is preparing to cover second base if Ed Stanky's health doesn't improve. . . . Right now, the closest guess as to what the Dodger infield will look like is: Howie Schultz at first (unless he's drafted); Durocher or Stanky at second; Bill Hart at third base; Brown at short; and, brother, you take it from there!

LAKEWOOD.—The shrewd old judge of pitching prospects, Adolph Luque, is already giving out with the predictions. Adolph says it's a mathematical impossibility for the Giants not to have at least five good starting twirlers this season. There's Bill Vioselle, Van Lingle Mungo, Harry Feldman and two rookies, Herb Bain and Ray Harrell. We'd hate to differ with likeable Luque, but from here it looks like Mr. Vioselle is the only guy Adolph can really count on.

RPI-Bowling Green, and Rhodies vs. Vols Tonite

Opening round of the National Invitation Basketball tourney gets underway at Madison Square Garden tonight, with Bowling Green versus undefeated Rensselaer Poly in the opener, and the stratospheric scoring Rhode Islanders opposed by Tennessee in the finale.

RPI, the only undefeated team to come into the Invitation tourney, has run up a victory skein of 13 straight. Sparked by Tony Orlando at left guard, the RPI squad topped its fine season performance with a win over Canisius. RPI is generally looked upon as the dark horse of the hoop tournament.

They boast a fast-breaking attack which mainly revolves around Tony Orlando and Hank O'Keefe, who incidentally, used to play for Canisius. However, in Bowling Green, the Engineers will be meeting another highly-gearred offensive which has averaged 68.2 points a game. These Ohio Falcons boast two extremely dangerous courtmen, namely the 7-foot center, Don Otten, and Wyndol Gray, the smooth operating left forward who's racked up 362 points this season.

On the record it shapes up as an extremely close encounter.

The main attraction tonight will pit Tennessee against Rhode Island. This game brings together the nation's best defensive team as opposed by the country's highest-scoring hoopers. While Tennessee has held its opponents to a 32.6 average each game, the Rhode Islanders have totalled 1,882 points in 22 games.

Rhode Island has two big guns, the sensational Ernie Calverly, considered by many as the best player in the country, and Dick Hole, another terrific scorer at right forward. Calverly has racked up 497 points during the

How They Lineup:

FIRST GAME 8:15 P.M.
No. BOWL. GR. Pos. R.P.I. No.
7-Gray L.F. O'Keefe-15
13-Whitehead R.F. Naylor-11
16-Otten C. Andes-4
10-Knierim L.G. Orlando-13
14-Payak R.G. Waters-18
BOWLING GREEN RESERVES: Piel (3), Rowe (4), Kubiak (5), McCullough (11), Gant (12), Inman (15), Rosendale (17).
R.P.I. RESERVES: Grove (3), Kent (5), Mann (7), Gorzelnik (8), Kamen (10), Simister (12).
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SECOND GAME
No. TENNESSEE Pos. RHODE IS. No.
46-Walther L.F. Santoro-5
49-Kemper R.F. Hole-11
21-Thomas C. Calverly-3
54-O'Shields L.G. Shea-4
47-Gaspardovic R.G. Nichols-20
TENNESSEE RESERVES: Olafson (29), Snyder (32), McAshan (36), Middleton (41), Barnett (42), Campbell (43), Pike (53).
RHODE ISLAND RESERVES: Crandall (6), Wholey (7), Smith (8), Coy (9), Wagner (14), Rathbun (15).
OFFICIALS: Solodare and Schoenfeld.

season, and Hole wasn't too far behind with 468 points. With Rhode Island, it's all race and tear down the field, not defensive, just sink 'em in fellas, and let the other guys keep score.

Of course, in Tennessee, these scoring maniacs may not have all the fun they're accustomed to. Led by Paul Walther at left forward, the Volunteers are a tightly-knit team that knows its way around the floor and who are particularly adept at preventing opponents from getting very far with that ball. Tennessee licked NYU at the Garden earlier this year, and showed a nice, smooth, heady kind of play.

11 A. M. to NOON

11:00-WEAF-Shostakovich Chamber Music Festival
WOR-News; Talk; Music
WJZ-Kay Armen, Songs
WABC-News; Music Box
WQXR-News; Opera Arias
11:05-WABC-Let's Pretend-Sketch
11:30-WEAF-Smilin' Ed McConnell
WOR-Hookey Hall
WJZ-Betty Moore-Talk
WABC-Billie Burke Show
WMCA-Hello, Neighbor
WQXR-Concert Music
11:45-WJZ-Shopping Talk-Lois Long

NOON TO 2 P. M.

12:00-WEAF-News; Consumer Time
WOR-Man on the Farm
WJZ-Jean Tighe, Songs
WABC-Theatre of Today
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Lunch Concert
12:15-WJZ-Radio Harris-Broadway News
12:30-WEAF-Atlantic Spotlight
WOR-News; The Answer Man
WJZ-News; Home and Garden
WABC-Stars Over Hollywood
1:00-WEAF-Variety Musicale
WJZ-Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert
WABC-Grand Central Station
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Recorded Music
1:15-WMCA-Health Talk
1:35-WEAF-The Barbers-Sketch
WJZ-Symphonies for Youth
WJZ-Soldiers With Wings
WABC-Report to the Nation
WMCA-Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF-John MacVane, News
WMCA-This Is Our Town

2 P. M. TO 6 P. M.

2:00-WEAF-Variety Musicale
WJZ-Metropolitan Opera: Fidelio
WABC-Of Men and Books
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
2:15-WABC-Adventures in Science
WMCA-Christian Science Talk
2:30-WEAF-Sports-Grantland Rice
WOR-News-Les Egan
WABC-Carolina Hayride
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-Music of Our Time
2:45-WOR-Talk-Stanley Maxted
WABC-Talk-Vice President Harry S. Truman
WMCA-It's Navy Time
3:00-WEAF-Louisville Philharmonic, Robert Whitney, Conductor
WOR-This Is Halloran
WABC-The Land Is Bright
WMCA-News; Novena Service
WQXR-News; Request Music
3:30-WOR-Where Are They Now?
WABC-Syncopation Piece
WMCA-News; Waltz Music
3:45-WABC-Job for Tomorrow
4:00-WEAF-Doctors Look Ahead
WOR-News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WABC-Report From Washington
WMCA-Ray Smith, Songs
WQXR-News; Symphony Music
4:15-WABC-Report From Overseas
4:30-WEAF-Variety Show
WOR-Variety Musicale
WABC-Assignment Home
WMCA-News; Music
5:00-WEAF-Grand Hotel-Play
WOR-Uncle Don
WABC-Philadelphia Orchestra
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Footlight Echoes
5:15-WOR-Talk-Les Egan
5:30-WEAF-John W. Vandercook, News
WOR-Prima Orchestra
WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs

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WNYC-830 Kc. WOV-1290 Kc.
WABC-880 Kc. WBNY-1490 Kc.
WINS-1000 Kc. WQXR-1500 Kc.

WQXR-Romolo de Spirito, Tenor
5:45-WEAF-Jack Owens, Baritone
WOR-Shirley Eder, Interview
WJZ-Popular Music

6 P. M. TO 9 P. M.

6:00-WEAF-News; Friendship Ranch
WOR-News; Music
WJZ-Bruno Shaw
WABC-Quincy Howe, News
WMCA-News; Radio Beam
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WJZ-Sports-Mary Wismer
WABC-People's Platform
WMCA-Dale Belmont, Songs
6:25-WQXR-News; Dinner Concert
6:30-WOR-News; Fred Vandeventer
WJZ-Edward Tomlinson
WMCA-Recorded Music
6:45-WEAF-Religion in the News
WOR-Sports Stan Lomax
WJZ-Labor-U. S. A.
WABC-The World Today, News
7:00-WEAF-Our Foreign Policy
WOR-Guess Who-Quiz
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad
WABC-Play-Mayor of the Town
With Lionel Barrymore
WMCA-News; Platterbrains
WQXR-News; Favorite Music
7:15-WJZ-Leland Stowe
7:30-WEAF-The Saint-Play
WOR-Arthur Hale
WJZ-Meet Your Navy
WABC-America in the Air
WMCA-News Reports
WQXR-Concert Music
7:45-WOR-The Answer Man
WMCA-Songs of Israel
8:00-WEAF-Gaslight Gayeties
WOR-Frank Sinatra, News
WABC-Danny Kaye Show
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WOR-Dr. A. L. Sachar
8:30-WEAF-Truth or Consequences
WOR-Detroit Symphony Orchestra
WJZ-Boston Symphony Orchestra
WABC-The FBI in Peace and War
8:55-WABC-Ned Calmer, News

9 P. M. TO MIDNIGHT

WABC-Hit Parade
WMCA-News; Shoot the Works
WQXR-News Reports
9:05-WQXR-Europe This Week
9:20-WQXR-Request Music
9:30-WEAF-Can You Top That?
WOR-Mysterious Traveler
WJZ-Spotlight Band
WMCA-Recorded Music
9:45-WABC-Saturday Serenade
9:55-WJZ-Quick Quiz
10:00-WEAF-Judy Canova Show
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Reviewers Slam White's Book

If Harcourt, Brace, publishers of W. L. White's *Report on the Russians*, were perfectly honest with the reading public, they would use the following quotes in their advertisements: "The shabbiest performance any established writer has foisted upon the American public in years. . . ." Sterling North, N. Y. Post.

"Incredibly distorted . . . irresponsible, snobbish. . ."

Lewis Gannett, N. Y. Herald Tribune.

"Mr. White fires no guns for fascism, but he rolls ammunition for it." Francis Hackett, N. Y. Times.

"Appearing at this moment, it must be linked with the significance of ignorant and inimical groups here and in Europe, who seek to sharpen distrust and suspicion among the Allies"—Quentin Reynolds, John Hersey, Edgar Snow, Alexander Werth and other author-correspondents.



The fact is that every American with an ounce of decency and patriotism is dissociating himself from a work which is written in the language and spirit—and, I would add, with the objective—of Hitler's anti-Soviet attacks in *Mein Kampf*.

Even reviewers like Francis Hackett, who in the course of his review continues to echo slurs at the Soviet Union, are disgusted with White's book.

Here are some representative opinions on the publication day of White's contribution to the dying cause of Hitlerism.

Lewis Gannett is struck with the fact that White discusses his weeks in Russia as if there were no war on.

"Kiev and Kharkov, Sevastopol and Odessa, Minsk, Gomel, Smolensk and the rest didn't enter into his meditations, nor the burned villages," writes Gannett. "The author of *They Were Expendable* might have been expected to remember, in wartime Russia, that the passion of sixteen million expendable Russians has probably saved at least a modest million American boys' lives and to have fretted less irritably about the shabby clothes of the survivors."

Francis Hackett writes in the N. Y. Times: "Hitler's worst offense in *Mein Kampf* was to poison international relations by irremediable hostility. It is in nose-thumbings across the fence that hostility displays itself, thus making for fascism. Mr. White fires no guns for fascism, but he rolls ammunition for it. . . . When one thinks of the grueling and murderous war waged on Russia, it seems odd to malign the Russians for being ill-clad, slovenly in their factories, shabby, thin, tired, sorrow."

Harry Hansen of the World-Telegram feels that the book "should not have been published at this delicate stage, when every American ought

to consider himself a member of the State Department."

The New York Sun reviewer was offended by the book's "sneering tone." He feels that "Mr. White delivers an overdose."

"CHEAPEST JOURNALISM"

Sterling North of the New York Post wrote: "Bill White's sneering little opus written after his caviar and vodka expedition with Eric Johnston hits a new low for foreign correspondence. Baron Mannerheim could have written a better balanced and more liberal book about the Russians."

The reviewer adds: "The errors in the book are so numerous and so obviously the result of sloppy writing, misinformation and venom that the entire book can be dismissed for what it is—the boastful scribbling of a 'brain-pickling' Emporia journalist who for my money is thoroughly expendable."

White's book, he concludes, is "the cheapest sort of yellow journalism. Bill White's famous father must be turning in his grave."

Bruce Bliven, editor of the New Republic, writes in the current issue: "He [White] has done a piece of special pleading which, especially in the pages of the Reader's Digest, most of whose nine or ten million readers have little means of checking his accuracy, may do substantial harm."

"This book must also be con-

sidered in its relation to the war with Germany and Japan. Hitler's one remaining hope is to split the Allies. . . . Whatever influence Bill White possesses he throws at this moment into the wrong side of the ledger. This is not to say the Russians should be immune to criticism. . . . But the vehemence, the one-sidedness, the emotional overtones of Bill White's book go far beyond the attitude either of a competent journalist or a devoted democrat."

Tomorrow's New York Times will carry a review by Foster Rhea Dulles, author of *The Road to Teheran*, who

notes: "One need read no further than the first page . . . to discover the prejudices which Mr. White took with him to Russia."

The only favorable review of the book I have noted so far is by Edmund Wilson in the New Yorker. My contention that every decent and patriotic American is rapping the book still holds.

I would suggest to the newspaper reviewers that now is the time to remind their readers of a splendid antidote to the White book, Dr. Harry F. Ward's *The Soviet Spirit*, which most of them have thus far ignored.

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Small Town Theater Exhibitor Has His Say on Motion Pictures

By David Platt

The small town theater exhibitor has his say once a week in the motion picture journal *Boxoffice*. His comments which are frequently based on observations overheard in his theater, provide a fairly accurate judgment of a picture in a community. Since the majority of America's 16,000 movie theaters are small town theaters, opinions of the rural exhibitor are highly valued in Hollywood.

Here's what Frank Raspa of the State Theater, Rivesville, W. Va., thought about *Lillian Hellman's The North Star*: "Superb in performance, great at the boxoffice, and a surprise to us. Being a war drama, we expected to have one of the lowest grosses of the year."



Between *Two Worlds* (Warner Bros.) put the audience to sleep at the Leonard Theater, Cedarvale, Kansas according to Manager Bill Leonard: "The last night, both people that came enjoyed the evening. One went to sleep and the other one read a funny book by the light of a wall lamp."

GOOD FILMS DRAW

Song of Russia (MGM) drew this salvo of applause from Wayne Stebbing of the Saranac Theater, Saranac, Mich.: "A truly fine picture. I was proud to play it in my theater. The title doesn't sound like a picture for small towns but don't let that fool you. Advertise it right and it will do business." *Wing and a Prayer* (20th Fox) was also "heaven-sent" in Saranac. "People are sick and tired of seeing war pictures," says Stebbing. "But every now and then a big one like this comes along which everybody wants to see. The boxoffice was tops on this. Even the very old people turned out for this one."

Gaslight (MGM) left the patrons in the dark at the Annex Theater, Anamoose, N. D., reports Otto Chapek, its manager: "It would have been better if they had let

the light go out. The acting was very good but the story had no appeal."

The whole town of Stanwood, Wash., turned out for *Wilson* (20th Fox). "It was an exceptionally fine production," says Francis Powell, Colonial Theater manager. "We had no trouble getting our customers away from the fireplace and easy chair set up at home."

It Happened Tomorrow (United Artists) drew this satirical barb from R. V. Fletcher, Lyric Theater, Hartington, Neb.: "If this happens too often, I'll have my guardian buy pictures for me."

The Purple Heart (20th Fox) brought home the harsh realities of total war to the citizens of Velva, N. D. "This was a picture and no fooling," writes manager J. K. Burgess of the Iris Theater. "It's well directed, impressive. Heavy but good. Nobody will pan it."

Bridge of San Luis Rey (United Artists) collapsed early at the Pictureland Theater, Glenville, W. Va. Says Manager James Harper: "The collapse of the bridge, really an awe-inspiring scene, saves the picture from the Stygian depths of the doldrums."

Meet the People (MGM) forced Mrs. Lloyd Martin, owner of the Palace Theater, Coweta, Okla., into hiding. She played it on a Pal Night then "hid" when the people came out.

Dragon Seed (MGM) was "well made and well received" at the Mack Theater, McMinnville, Ore., writes M. W. Mattheck, its manager: "Although overlong, a picture like this once in a while is okay. But as a steady diet, it would soon be unwelcome."

Mr. Winkle Goes to War (Columbia) "strongly appealed to the patrons" of the Majestic Theater, Frankfort, S. D. "It's the type of show my theatergoers want," says

D. S. Drayer, manager. Business was the best in weeks. A truly down-to-earth picture. Many fine compliments on this one."

American Romance (MGM) "satisfied everybody," writes Leonard J. Leise of the Rand Theater, Randolph, Neb.: "Wonderful Technicolor and plenty of action." It "helped you to capture the beauty of our early America," adds L. D. Brown of the Queen Theater, Brownwood, Texas.

Bing Crosby's *Going My Way* swept the small town theaters like a prairie fire. The John Wayne western *Tall in the Saddle* did terrific business throughout the mid and far west. Good war films always attract small town patronage.

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Late Bulletins

Thermometer Up to 75 Degrees, Smashing Record for March 16

All previous records for March 16 were smashed yesterday. According to the U. S. Weather Bureau report, this all-high temperature of 75 degrees was chalked up at 3:35 p. m. The former high was 74 degrees in

1935. Today, after a slightly foggy morning, the air will clear into a fair and warm day, with temperatures hovering between 70 and 75 degrees. Any complaints?

Jail 80 Cubans in Anti-Gov't Plot; Bitter Foe of Labor Headed Group

HAVANA, March 16 (UP).—A conspiracy against the Cuban government has been put down and 80 persons arrested, the Presidential Palace announced today. Col. Jose Eleuterio Pedraza was the principal person arrested, the Palace announcement said.

Announcement of the plot followed yesterday's disclosure that Eugenio Llanillo, 38, personal friend of former President Fulgencio Batista, had been found dead, apparently murdered, on a lonely road near

here. [Col. Pedraza, chief of Havana police under President Mendieta, directed the bloodiest repression in Cuban history against the March, 1935, general strike. Later, as national chief of police, he tried to overthrow President Batista, who personally arrested him. He was interned at El Principe Castle, and after a few days was permitted to leave for Miami. Months later he returned to Havana and Batista pardoned him.]

Hollywood Strike Leader Snubs Green's Request to End Walkout

HOLLYWOOD, March 16 (UP).—Herbert Sorrell, chief of the conference of Studio Unions, tonight bluntly refused to obey AFL president William Green's order to end his five-day old strike of 17,000 film studio craftsmen.

Green wired Sorrell that the walkout, called because producers recognized the International Association of theatrical Stage Employees as representatives for 78 set dressers, was a direct violation of the AFL "no strike" pledge.

He told Sorrell to submit his troubles to wartime agencies set up to handle such matters and order

the strikers back to work on the double.

"The strike goes on," Sorrell said. Green wired IATSE chief Richard Walsh that he had ordered Sorrell to stop using the AFL name on strike banners, advertisements, and picket boards.

"We refuse to do that, too," Sorrell wired him back. "Had we not belonged to the AFL you would not have been able to hold up settlement of this case from Nov. 3, 1944, to Jan. 9, 1945, at which time because of your stalling it was taken out of your hands by the War Labor Board."

Actress' Maid Slain

HOLLYWOOD, March 16 (UP).—A body identified as that of Vene Benham, 40, maid of actress Merle Oberon, was found today in the screen star's convertible coupe, parked in the garage of her Malibu Beach cabin. There were bruises on the forehead and blood about the mouth and nose.

300 Superforts Blast Kobe Plants

GUAM, Saturday, March 17 (UP).—More than 300 Superfortresses showered 2,500 tons of incendiary bombs over a five-mile target area in the heart of Kobe, Japan's fifth city, early today in their fourth devastation raid in seven elapsed days on enemy war industry.

In pursuance of new tactics the Superfortresses swept over the target at low altitude to increase bombing accuracy and to handicap anti-aircraft gunners.

Japanese Lose Heavy East of Manila

MANILA, Saturday, March 17 (UP).—The entire southern flank of the Japanese Wawa-Antipolo defense line east of Manila has now been destroyed with great losses to the enemy in personnel and supplies, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Ask WLB Rule on Dirty Shipyard Jobs

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The War Labor Board's shipbuilding commission was asked today to determine what constitutes "dirty money" jobs at eight East Coast shipyards of Bethlehem Steel Co.

"Dirty money" is the union term for premiums payable where job assignments are "unusually" filthy.

Although premiums are provided for by contract, the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers often has trouble collecting because management challenges various jobs as not fitting in the category. The union is asking the committee to recommend inclusion in a new contract of a broad definition of what "dirty work" really is. Approximately 75,000 workers at Boston, New York and Hoboken, N. J., yards are affected. Dirty money pays time and a half.

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A Soviet tank points its guns toward Berlin, as it hunts the supermen on the superhighway leading straight to the German capital. —Sovfoto Radiophoto.

The Veteran Commander

THE CUTTING OF THE GREAT ROCKADE

THE Germans report that our troops are astride the military autobahn (six-lane superhighway) which runs from the Ruhr to Frankfurt-am-Main. Officially, we claim only to be 200 yards from it. Be this as it may, the highway is useless to the enemy from now on. This means that the Germans cannot shuttle troops conveniently from the Wesel-Cologne sector to the Coblenz-Mainz sector any more. This is a terrible handicap for them because the moment has arrived where they will have to make the decision as to where to meet the main blow: south of the Ruhr or north of it. From the viewpoint of pure strategy (if there is such a thing) the Remagen operation now begins to emerge as an extremely interesting development.

We are told by front line dispatches (entirely unofficial) that in fact we established the bridgehead only because a German "Oberleutnant" got soused at the wrong moment and failed to blow up the bridge. Leaving aside the point that it is most unlikely that the fate of such an important bridge could have been left to the ministrations of a junior officer alone, we are led to believe that the Remagen crossing was originally an improvisation pure and simple, as far as we were concerned.

This alleged improvisation was very quickly exploited (at the rate of pumping one division per day across the bridge and its pontoon twin) by our High Command and the Remagen bridgehead, which is 13 miles wide and 6½ miles deep at this writing, already bids fair to become the southern arm of a pincers threatening the Ruhr. In other words, a chance improvisation has been transformed in one week into a major strategic development.

Providing IT WAS an improvisation and the drunken spree of the "Oberleutnant" had not been prepared well in advance by our military intelligence—a fact which would certainly not

detract anything from the laurels of our High Command—this is proof of great flexibility of operational thought and operational organization.

It seems that our "suspicion" that the British Second Army would prove Gen. Eisenhower's "ace in the hole" at the crucial moment, appears to be coming true. The British probably will force a crossing of the Rhine in the Emmerich-Wesel sector, thus providing the northern arm of a pincers aimed at the Ruhr. The Wesel-Bonn sector would be the "pivot of maneuver," with both pincer arms biting into the enemy position at a distance of about 80 miles from each other, designed to meet somewhere in the Hamm-Soest-Arnsberg area. A magnificent pattern, indeed.

Meanwhile, under the blows of Generals Patton and Patch (the Third and Seventh armies) the Germans appear to be abandoning their positions in the Saar (Palatinate) and are retreating slowly to the Rhine. Patton's and Patch's blows are directed almost at right angles to each other, in keeping with the shape of the front along the Moselle and the Saar.

THE Red Army under Gen. Cherniakhovsky's still unnamed successor has split the Germans in the East Prussian pocket and has made its 12th break to the Baltic Sea. Now the Braunschweig pocket is isolated from the Koenigsberg pocket and the final cleanup is about to begin. On the "Berlin front" no major developments took place. Thus our suspicion that the reports of Zhukov's mass break across the Oder were nothing but German propaganda.

Near Lake Balaton the enemy continues to attack fiercely, sending as many as 100 tanks against one narrow sector. Out of the 90 German tanks destroyed on March 14, 50 were credited to the Hungarian sector of the front. The significance of this has been explained several times before and does not need repetition.

Chi. Students Picket Smith Rally

By OTTO WANGERIN

CHICAGO, March 16.—Displaying their anti-fascist feelings with boos, catcalls and banners reading: "Let's Keep Hitler's Ideas Out of Chicago," "Don't Double Cross Our Boys Who Crossed The Rhine" and singing the national anthem and God Bless America, 100 high school students picketed for three hours as Gerald L. K. Smith spoke last night in the Plasterers Union Temple Hall, 330 So. Marshfield Ave.

Other banners in the picket line were "Hitler Wants Disunity, We Want Victory," "Will Temple Hall Become Chicago's Beer Hall of Munich," and "The AFL and CIO

oppose fascism."

Several hundred persons outside applauded the picket line. About 1,000 entered the hall, mostly elderly members of We the Mothers, America First Party and similar defeatist groups. Few young people were in the audience.

Smith made his usual Jew-Baiting, anti-administration, anti-British, anti-Soviet anti-world collaboration speech.

"We can save America," the Detroit rabble rouser yelled. "We can defeat such betrayals of our tradition as the Bretton Woods plan, the Dumbarton Oaks plan, and the imperialistic policies which will very

likely be projected at San Francisco on April 25."

Smith announced a "little competition for the AP, UP and other wire services." He said a nationalist News Service is already functioning in Washington and serving hundreds of daily papers throughout the country.

A resolution presented by Smith to the meeting urging Father Coughlin to apply for another radio network broadcast was adopted.

On the platform besides Smith, were his personal body guard, Fred Kister who chaired the meeting, and three officers of the Plasterers Union.

PINKY RANKIN

